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Bid to isolate Paisley Loyalists

Major offers olive branch to Sinn Fein

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WATT

■ The prime minister is taking a risk by saying that past IRA atrocities will not prevent Sinn Fein entering political talks. Violence, however, must cease first

JOHN Major coupled his most optimistic assessment of the chances of peace in Northern Ireland last night with an explicit pledge to Sinn Fein that the violent misdeeds of the past would not bar the party from the conference table.

In what politicians saw as a clear attempt to isolate Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party, the prime minister issued an unambiguous invitation to Sinn Fein, telling it that, if the IRA ended its violence, Sinn Fein could eventually enter the political arena as a democratic party.

Mr Major appeared to refer to Mr Paisley's refusal to talk at any time to Sinn Fein by saying that terrorists had to be persuaded to end violence unconditionally and to choose instead the path of legitimate and democratic political activity. "Some would deny them that path on account of their past and present misdeeds. I understand that feeling but I do not share it," he told the Lord Mayor's banquet in Guildhall, London.

The prime minister's statement that "there may now be a better opportunity for peace in Northern Ireland than for many years" had added significance because it came at the end of talks with the leaders of Ulster's constitutional parties — including Mr Paisley — and with Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister. It is strongly presumed at Westminster that the others, including James Molyneaux of the Ulster Unionists, took a less rigid stance than Mr Paisley over the ultimate involvement of Sinn Fein.

Unionist MPs signalled last night that Mr Major's speech might jeopardise their parliamentary support for the government, and compared it to the Anglo-Irish agreement, which they have consistently condemned. The Rev Martin Smyth, Ulster Unionist MP for South Belfast, said: "I am not sure that his advisers have been wise to give that sort of speech at a time when we understand the mentality of the IRA. They'll be saying: 'Well we've bought London, they're now suing for peace.'".

Mr Major spoke against the background of reports, fiercely denied by senior Whitehall officials, that the government had already held talks with Sinn Fein.

He devoted a large part of his banquet speech to his Ulster initiative. Colleagues agreed that his apparent readiness to discount past acts of terrorism was a gamble, a view seemingly accepted by the prime minister when he said that all concerned "will have to show courage, court unpopularity, break down old barriers and take risks".

He said that there were several important signs of hope. There was "a burning desire" in Northern Ireland for peace, the Irish government had shown a new understanding of the concerns of the Unionists and most of the constitutional parties accepted that some cherished positions would have to be modified.

Mr Major clearly rejected Mr Reynolds's suggestion that there could be peace before the end of the year. "I shall not raise false hopes or set deadlines," he said. "We need both a permanent cessation of violence and intensification of the political talks. These objectives are complementary."

He said that he would not bring the political parties together for talks prematurely. The "three-strand" approach would continue with the attempt to improve democratic structures in Northern Ireland, seek a new relationship between North and South, and build closer co-operation between the United Kingdom and Ireland. Mr Major said: "When a true basis for an agreed package is established, we aim to bring all participants back around the table to secure lasting settlement."

He said that those who declined to renounce violence could never have a place at the conference table. "But if the IRA end violence for good, then — after a sufficient interval to ensure the permanence of their intent — Sinn Fein can enter the political arena as a democratic party and join the dialogue on the way ahead."

He insisted: "There can be no secret deals, no rewards for terrorism, no abandonment of the vital principle of majority consent. But there is the incentive that peace would bring a new and far better way of life to all the people of that troubled land."

Even as Mr Major spoke, republican sources continued to claim that senior Sinn Fein members met government officials earlier this year. They said that documents were exchanged in the meetings, which did not involve the Northern Ireland Office.

Government officials regularly meet Sinn Fein councillors to discuss routine council matters, but a republican source said last night that the alleged talks ranged wider. "The talks were not about housing executive matters. They were about the conflict, its causes and its resolution."

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ROBIN MAYES

Oliver Wroe-Wright and Rebecca Thomas hard at work at the private Blundells day nursery in Wandsworth, south London, as the National Commission on Education launched its report calling for an increase in publicly-funded places. Report, page 11; Leading article, page 19

Basics 'a plan for the future'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR last night rejected criticism that his "back to basics" approach to government policy was an exercise in nostalgia.

In his address to the Lord Mayor's banquet, he said that it was a programme for the future. "That is not nostalgia," he said. "I have no reason to be nostalgic. It is the future that concerns me. In fashioning policy for a world that is swiftly changing, we must have an eye to the underlying ... instincts with which, as a nation, we are comfortable."

Mr Major also spoke of basic economic values like low inflation, and the basic social values of personal responsibility. He made no mention, however, of lone parenthood, the controversy which he believes has blunted his message.

He also gave a warning that if the EC continued to lose its share of world trade at the present rate, Europe would be overtaken economically by the Pacific basin countries by 2000.

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Eurotunnel chief to lead hunt for private finance

BY ROSS TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR ALASTAIR Morton, the feisty Eurotunnel chief, has been appointed to head a government working party to boost private sector investment in transport links and capital spending.

The choice of the Eurotunnel co-chairman, revealed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in a speech to business leaders yesterday, places an arch-critic of Britain's transport system in charge of finding a solution. The decision provoked a mixture of astonishment and enthusiasm among business leaders at the CBI annual conference in Harrogate, where the two men shared a platform to make a public commitment to get the government's private finance initiative back on the rails.

Announcing Sir Alastair's appointment to a packed conference hall, Mr Clarke said the Private Finance Working Group was intended "to find a way round the blockages" which have dogged government efforts to shift responsibility for developing new transport links and capital projects into the private sector. But he made clear that the Eurotunnel chairman's brief was far wider, involving opening doors to private sector investment in anything from providing new hospitals to running public incineration units. The working party would also "identify new areas to be developed", he said.



Sir Alastair yesterday: arch-critic in charge

Sir Alastair said leading figures who have already agreed to join his working party include Howard Davies, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry; Pen Kent, associate governor of the Bank of England; Sheila Masters of accountants KPMG Peat Marwick; Neville Simms of Tarmac; and Alan Gormly of Trafalgar House.

Sir Alastair and his team will face considerable challenges if they are to remove the difficulties that have blocked development of projects such as the Channel tunnel high-speed link, the Cross-Rail line beneath London, and Docklands Light Railway extension to Lewisham in south London. Industry leaders argue that these schemes have been stalled by Treasury intransigence, the high up-front cost of projects, and the refusal of the government to share the risk of developing schemes.

Sir Alastair yesterday reiterated his belief that the government must change its approach if companies were to share the hazard of developing projects which might take up to 30 years to break even. In the past, Sir Alastair has proposed special transport taxes to raise a public fund to pump-prime private sector schemes.

Mr Clarke insisted that extension of private finance into capital projects was a logical extension of the government's privatisation programme and offered an escape from the British tendency to axe investment spending whenever funds were short.

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Heseltine and Clarke attack Euro-sceptics

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND PHILIP BASSETT

MICHAEL Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke renewed cabinet tensions over Europe yesterday when they sided with business chiefs who had voiced worries that the government's new-found Eurosceptic stance might damage British firms.

On the opening day of the Confederation of British Industry conference in Harrogate, the President of the Board of Trade and the Chancellor aligned themselves with Howard Davies, its director-general, by delivering a warning about the dangers of anti-European rhetoric and outright rejection of a single currency. The strongly pro-European line taken by the two cabinet heavyweights was a signal to right-wing ministers that they should tone down their attacks on Brussels.

Mr Heseltine said in a BBC Radio interview shortly before addressing the conference: "Howard Davies is right to question the rhetoric that is coming from some quarters —

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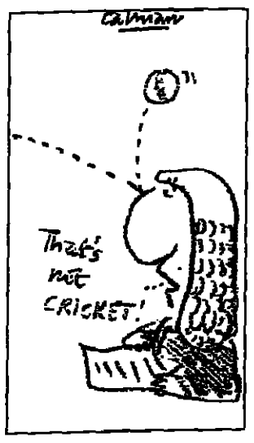
BY JOHN YOUNG

THE Royal Courts of Justice have seen many strange things in their long history, but yesterday was almost certainly the first time that cricket balls have been distributed to members of a jury.

The nine women and three men clutched the balls as instructed, index and middle fingers on either side of the seam, while Sarfraz Nawaz, the former Pakistan fast bowler, explained the mysteries of reverse swing.

The demonstration was part of his evidence on the opening day of an action for libel he is bringing against Allan Lamb, his former Northamptonshire colleague and England Test batsman, over an article in the *Daily Mirror* on August 26 last year, headed "How Pakistanis cheat at cricket".

In the article Lamb alleged that some years ago Nawaz had shown him the trick of making the ball swing by scratching or gouging one side illegally. As the tall figure of Nawaz took his position in front of the jury, the judge asked his counsel whether he wanted his legal opponent "at the Pavilion End".



Nawaz explained to the jury how a bowler gets a ball to swing by polishing one side alone. Whereas a new ball swung in the direction opposite from the polished side, the reverse was true as the ball grew older and more worn. With sticky bits of paper marking the shiny and non-shiny sides, Nawaz told the jury that once the ball had lost its original shine from repeated contact with the bat and boundary fences, it would swing in the same direction as the side the bowler chose to polish.

During the demonstration he explained that he used saliva or sweat on the ball before rubbing it on his trousers to produce a shine. But there was no question of roughening the unpolished side with finger nails, because such tampering would quickly be noticed by the umpires.

Questioned by his counsel, Jonathan Crystal, about the allegation that he was a cheat, Nawaz said that he had never

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Reduced death rates in key areas not met

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT targets for reducing deaths have not been met in key areas including heart disease and cancer. Figures released yesterday at the end of the first year of the Health of the Nation strategy, were hailed by Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, as painting "a picture of positive achievement".

Medical organisations gave a warning, however, that the government's targets could become "a shopping list of failures". In three of the five areas chosen by the government as priorities, progress is either non-existent or too slow to meet targets.

On heart disease and stroke, deaths are not falling fast enough to meet the 30 to 40 per cent target reduction by the end of the decade. Smoking is falling too slowly to meet the target 40 per cent reduction, and teenage smoking is rising. Deaths from suicide, forecast to fall by 15 per cent by 2000, have also risen.

The figures also show that British waistlines are expanding, with a near doubling since the mid-1980s of the proportion of men who are obese. One in eight men and one in six women are now classed as obese. In sexual health and deaths from accidents, however, there have been significant successes, with the first decline in teenage pregnancies for ten years and a 9 per cent drop in accidental deaths among children.

The British Medical Association, backed by the British Cardiac Society, called for more concerted government action and a ban on tobacco advertising if the strategy were "not to become a shopping list of failures".

Labour said that many of the improved death-rates were the continuation of long-term trends, and called on the government to "target causes, not people".

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Nadir claims Mates plotted against him

Asil Nadir, the fugitive tycoon, turned on Michael Mates, one of his staunchest supporters, last night. A Turkish newspaper reports that Nadir suspects the former Tory minister was part of the plot to discredit him.

Mr Nadir is quoted as saying that Mr Mates formed secret service connections during his time as a minister in Northern Ireland and merely feigned friendship with him. He apparently told the newspaper: "He served a double function: while he appeared to be helping me he was helping the British government."

Mr Mates, who resigned following the disclosure of his support for the tycoon, refused to comment. However, close friends described the allegations as "bizarre" and "patently absurd". One said: "If losing a ministerial career is working for the government, it seems a funny way to go about it."

Two killed in air crash

Two men were killed when their light aircraft crashed into the back garden of a house in Chelsfield, Kent, yesterday. Ben Harris, the pilot, believed to be in his twenties, from Biggin Hill, and his passenger Gary Clifford Abdee, 17, from Petts Wood, Kent, died instantly when the engine of the two-seater plane apparently cut out. Photograph, page 22

400 jobs lost at colliery

Bentley Colliery near Doncaster, South Yorkshire, is to close before Christmas, with the loss of 400 jobs. Alan Houghton, British Coal's northern group director, said yesterday that the 87-year-old mine was "an unfortunate victim" of tough market conditions. He said that the colliery's position was worsening by the week.

Duffy wins poetry prize

The Forward Poetry Prize was won last night by Carol Ann Duffy for her collection *Mean Time*. The prize, in its second year, is worth £10,000. Don Paterson won £5,000 for the best first collection of poems, and Viki Feaver took the £1,000 prize for the best single poem — *Judith*, based on the Old Testament story.

Pickles to sue for libel



Former circuit judge James Pickles, right, is to sue a national newspaper for libel over its coverage of his controversial appearance on breakfast television last month. The 68-year-old author from Halifax, West Yorkshire, has decided to represent himself. Mr Pickles, who retired two years ago, said yesterday: "I am suing the proprietors of the *Daily Star* newspaper and its editor Brian Hitchen."

Fans face 18 months

The Turkish prosecutor will ask for 18-month sentences for each of six Manchester United football supporters arrested before a match in Istanbul against Galatasaray, their lawyer says. The six were charged after 147 fans were detained for causing damage to their hotel estimated at £25,000. The maximum penalty is 30 months.

Man of tunnel vision at ease in troubled waters

By Susan Gilchrist

■ Sir Alastair Morton, appointed yesterday to head a government working party to boost private sector investment, revels as a corporate troubleshooter

SIR Alastair Morton is not a patient man. Indeed, many who know him, including his friends, describe him as aggressive. But then it is not every man who could mastermind the project which enabled the first human in 8,000 years to walk to continental Europe by land.

Getting the Channel tunnel built, a remarkable achievement, should have been the pinnacle of Sir Alastair's career. But the project is more famed for its public disputes, successive delays and ever-escalating costs. The intense enmity between Sir Alastair's Eurotunnel and Transmanche Link was summed up earlier this year when one builder, asked about the tunnel's opening date, remarked: "The only thing you can guarantee will be open in December is Morton's mouth." But then Sir Alastair's career has been marked by falling out.

Born in Johannesburg on January 11, 1938, Sir Alastair was the son of a Scottish father and South African mother. He found himself increasingly ill at ease with the political environment of his native land and moved to America, where he met his wife Sara.

After a spell at the World Bank, he came to Britain in the 1960s and joined the Wilson government's Industrial Reorganisation Corporation. It was there that he formed a lasting friendship with Frank Kearton, later Lord Kearton, as well as a self-confessed passion for interacting between government and big business. It also marked out the pattern of Sir Alastair's career, which has seen him cast in the role of corporate troubleshooter involved in a steady stream of turn-arounds or start-ups.

By 1970, he had returned to the City to run the Drayton investment trusts, where he first encountered the late Sir Philip Shelbourne, with whom he experienced one of his most famous public fallings-out.

He soon left and followed Lord Kearton to BNOC, which was formed in 1976 just as North Sea oil was being discovered. It was a turbulent but exciting time with Sir Alastair given the onerous task of securing loans to finance North Sea exploration. He came up with $825 million — a sizable sum, especially in those days.

The good times ended abruptly in 1980 when the Thatcher government decided to privatise the corporation, a move which Sir Alastair vociferously opposed. The final nail in the coffin was the appointment of his old adversary Sir Philip Shelbourne as chairman, and he left.

Sir Alastair went off to rescue Guinness Peat, the merchant banker. Typically, Sir Alastair soon came into conflict with its founder, Lord Kissin, who opposed the sale of corporate assets. Guinness Peat found itself on the end of a hostile bid from Equiticorp, and after a savage fight, the bid went through and Sir Alastair resigned.

He was approached to become the British co-chairman of Eurotunnel and joined in 1987 with the project in a shambolic state — just his cup of tea. As one former associate said: "God created Alastair to supervise the Eurotunnel project."

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Lawyers want child agency to lose cash assessment powers

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

SOLICITORS urged the government yesterday radically to reform the controversial Child Support Agency, returning the powers of assessing child maintenance to the courts.

In the latest attack of the agency's seven months of life, the Law Society said that it was fundamentally flawed. The society accused the agency of being inefficient and insensitive and of creating disputes between divorced couples by upsetting existing arrangements.

Rodger Pannone, the society's president, said: "The government did not heed our advice two years ago when we warned that a rigid assessment formula would not work fairly."

The agency, which has provoked outcry in particular from fathers facing hugely increased maintenance payments, was fuelling hostility in families, he said. "Instead of allowing couples to settle their affairs amicably when they part, the government now locks them in battle, and even those who had court approval are having their agreements undermined. The rigidity of the formula must be removed as soon as possible."

The society said it wanted to see the agency's functions confined to collecting and enforcing maintenance payments. Eileen Pembridge, chairman of the society's family law committee, said that in the short term, immediate improvements could ensure that the agency operated more flexibly.

Ministers have promised to review the operation of the agency, which is under examination by the Commons social security committee.

In evidence to that committee, the society says the agency is inefficient and insensitive. Mothers and children do not always benefit from the "rigid" calculation of maintenance, which hits most severely fathers with second families and undermines property settlements between divorcing couples.

Ms Pembridge said that although the principles of the agency were right, the way it operated was extremely unfair and the legislation flawed. There was concern that the agency cut across other legislation for families and did "nothing to promote harmony beween parents as the Children Act 1989 did".

It introduced into family law a "harsh and rigid" formula for assessing maintenance that took no account of such factors as the costs of an absent father's travel to work, child care costs and the full cost of pension contributions. Pending a fundamental review of whether there is a need for the agency, the society recommends immediate changes to make the formula more flexible, to allow courts to hear appeals against agency decisions and to introduce and to extend legal aid so that people may obtain advice on the agency and how the act will affect them.

☐ A policeman says that he could lose his job and house after the Child Support Agency ordered him to pay six times the amount he has been contributing each month for the maintenance of his two children since his divorce in 1990.

PC Steve Harrald, 38, of Widnes, Cheshire, has been paying £80 a month to his former wife. A judge had decided it was all he could afford, although he had offered to pay double. The CSA has ruled that he can afford £500 a month. PC Harrald says that would mean bankruptcy for him and that under the police disciplinary code he would then be dismissed.

"I'm just at an absolute loss about what to do," he said. "There is no way I can afford to pay that sort of money. It is half my monthly income and I have already been left with £7,500 debts after my first marriage broke up." PC Harrald and his second wife Shirley, who has a daughter aged ten who lives with them, are helping to set up a group to campaign for reform of the agency.

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Michael Heseltine yesterday, pinpointing the dangers for British industry

Ministers attack Euro-sceptics

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people often, in my view, trying to rewrite the history of the last 40 years. He is pointing out the danger that people may read that rhetoric and make judgments on the basis of it."

Mr Clarke told reporters that there were "no differences" between his views and those of Mr Davies. The stance adopted by the two ministers also appeared to be an appeal to John Major and other pro-Europeans, such as David Hunt, the employment secretary, to stop playing to the anti-Maastricht gallery. Such views were rejected by James Cran, a leading Tory Maastricht rebel, who said that policy should not be dictated by those in the CBI who led the country into the "mess" over the European exchange-rate mechanism.

In his *Economist* article in September, the prime minister called for a "different kind of Europe", pronounced the ERM "unmendable", and railed at the "folly" of the timetable for a single currency. He called for an end to the "same old stale agenda" in Europe. At the Tory conference in Blackpool, Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, enlivened his crackdown on "benefit tourism" by ridiculing in broken English would-be European Community claimants.

Mr Heseltine yesterday tried to sidestep questions about a rift between himself and the prime minister. "Perish the thought that I could be in any way unpleased with the rhetoric from Downing Street. That would be a naughty and irresponsible thing to suggest," he said.

Ministers remind sceptics of strong pro-EC view in cabinet

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The pro-Europeans in the cabinet are fighting back. After several weeks when the rhetorical tone has been set by the Euro-sceptics, two of the cabinet heavyweights intervened yesterday on the other side. The message of Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine to the CBI annual conference in Harrogate was unmistakably pro-Community.

Mr Clarke said that he continued to support the objective of European economic and monetary union. The problem was the rigid timetable, from which Britain had rightly opted out, he said. So the priority was convergence.

Mr Heseltine talked of the dangers of adopting an insular language that alienated ourselves and our self-interest from the people of the rest of Europe. Like the old trooper he is — and he showed some of his old form in his biggest speech since his heart attack — Mr Heseltine would not say whom he had in mind, though everyone knew. In reply to a question, he even made a jibe about *Times* editorials.

The ministers' remarks were primarily directed outside Harrogate, at the still-simmering Tory debate over Europe. Their intention was to remind Euro-sceptics that there is still a strong pro-EC view *within* the cabinet.

At present, the Euro-sceptics are seeking to identify themselves with the prime minister, taking his "no further" article in *The Economist* six weeks ago as their text. They want to use this to argue for decentralisation. There is no immediate threat to the cabinet truce on Europe. But the anti-Maastricht backbench rebels will resurface during the forthcoming bill to raise the upper limit on the European budget and there will be tensions with the generally pro-EC Tory MEPs ahead of next year's elections to the European parliament.

It is, however, no coincidence that Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine spoke as they did to the CBI. They had an audience who agreed with them. This was also part of a concerted drive to show that the government is listening to business, as marked by the attendance of four cabinet ministers and the head of the Downing Street policy unit, Sarah Hogg. The high political attendance this year has injected some life into the usually bland CBI conference.

The warning given by Howard Davies, the CBI director-general last week about Britain not finding itself isolated from the rest of Europe echoes the views of many CBI members. Iain Vallance, British Telecom chairman, yesterday said that with Maastricht now history, it was time for politicians to concentrate on the positive (the single market, the virtues of integrated defence and foreign policies), and to spend less time labouring the points of difference. These differences of rhetoric over Europe do matter.

They underline how the prime minister has to be careful in balancing the various factions. It is not just the Euro-sceptics who can cause trouble. The pro-Europeans cannot be ignored and have vocal supporters in the City and in business.

Peter Riddell

Lawyers on a sticky wicket

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cheated in any aspect of life and that he and his family had been deeply hurt and distressed by the article.

Nawaz, of Chelsea, London, said that when Roger Prideaux, the former Northamptonshire captain, had first seen him bowling in Pakistan in 1969 he had expressed amazement at the way he was able to swing an old ball, and invited him to play in England. During his career he took 177 wickets and scored more than 1,000 runs in Test cricket for Pakistan, and more than 500 wickets and 3,000 runs for Northamptonshire in the county championship.

He had now been called the "godfather of cheats", he said, adding: "I have come here to get my reputation back as a clean sportsman."

Lamb and he had been friends. They often shared an hotel room and Lamb and his wife often came to his home. Lamb had written the article because he wanted money. Nawaz said that an allegation that he had dismissed Lamb with a late swinger in a Test match in 1984 by tampering with the ball was "a total lie".

The case continues.

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Family service puts headless duke at peace

By Joe Joseph



The fourth duke's ghost was seen by bank staff

FOUR centuries after he was beheaded for treason, Thomas Howard, the fourth Duke of Norfolk, was released yesterday from his ghostly roamings around a bank. His descendants gathered near the execution site and prayed for his soul.

The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk and the Earl and Countess of Arundel joined other members of Britain's most eminent Roman Catholic family at Corpus Christi Church in Covent Garden, London, to lull their ancestor's spirit into a belated peace. The spirit had been haunting Coutts's headquarters in the Strand near by.

Lady Mary Mumford, daughter of the late 16th duke, who organised the service, said it was "the least we can do for poor Thomas. I hope he's happy now. I've never seen a ghost myself," she added.

The fourth duke was accused of plotting to marry Mary Queen of Scots and then seize the Crown from Elizabeth I. But the spirit told a psychic expert brought in by Coutts, the present queen's bank, that the treason charges were trumped up.

Coutts staff joined the service yesterday in the hope of finally bidding farewell to the ghost. The fourth duke is said to have appeared before receptionists last year, headless and in Elizabethan dress.

So, was the 17th duke relieved that the tortured ghost of his ancestor was at peace? "Actually," he said, "I don't believe in ghosts."

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DIY man jailed for trying to electrocute wife in bath

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A MAN was jailed for 18 years yesterday for trying to electrocute his wife in her bath by connecting it to the mains.

The judge at Cardiff Crown Court, sentencing Peter Ellis, 34, a self-employed builder and do-it-yourself enthusiast, said that Ellis's former wife Lisa, 32, had only escaped by a miracle. The jury had reached the guilty verdict unanimously.

The jury was told that Ellis had planned to collect £616,000 from his wife's life insurance so that he could set up a new life with his unsuspecting mistress.

Mrs Ellis had leapt from her bath after a blue flash sent a numbing pain through her leg and melted the bath plug chain.

Forensic scientists testified that if Mrs Ellis had touched a tap, towel rail, or radiator as she left the water she would have earthed the current and would almost certainly have been killed.

The judge, Mr Justice McKinnon, described the attempted murder as "an appalling crime" that might have left very little trace had not Mrs Ellis "miraculously" survived.

A Home Office forensic scientist, Robert Bell, said that wiring must have been poked through the ceiling of a kitchen extension into the side of the bath, and then connected to the overflow, a circuit which he believed could not have been rigged accidentally.

A pathologist, Dr Susan Claydon, said that the electrocution might have remained undetected had Mrs Ellis died. Her death could have been blamed on a heart attack.

"It would have left no visible signs under internal or external examination and it may have been impossible to detect that death was due to electrocution," Dr Claydon testified.

The prosecution alleged that although Ellis had put his hand in the bathwater shortly after his wife's shock, he knew that it was safe because he had already disconnected the wiring downstairs. When Mrs Ellis accused Ellis of trying to kill her in the bath, he told her not to be stupid, blaming the shock she had received on "natural static electricity".

During the trial, Ellis admitted leading a four-year double life in which he strung along his mistress, Mary Francis, 40, a divorced estate agent.

Mrs Francis believed that Ellis was divorced, until she discovered the truth when she called at his home in October last year, the day after the attempt to electrocute Mrs Ellis.

The two women spent 20 minutes together and found out how Ellis had lied to both of them. Mrs Ellis, convinced then that her husband of eight years had tried to kill her, called the police.

She has since divorced Ellis, who told the jury that he had never intended to leave her and their four-year-old daughter Florence.

Ellis denied attempting to murder his former wife, claiming that he had taken out large insurance policies on their lives only so that his family would have a comfortable life should anything happen to him.

Sentencing Ellis to 15 years' jail for the attempted murder and another three years to run consecutively on 11 charges of theft, forgery and deception involving more than £25,000, which Ellis admitted, Mr Justice McKinnon said: "You have shown yourself to be a callous, scheming, devious and evil man who carefully planned what you thought was to be the perfect crime."

The judge said that Ellis had "cynically misled Mrs Francis over a number of years".

Unknown to Mrs Francis, Ellis obtained details of her employer's bank account to set up one of his frauds, the court heard.

The court was told that Ellis's criminal record of theft, burglary and fraud went back 16 years, and included three previous prison sentences, during one of which he had learnt about electrical circuitry by taking a training course for electricians.

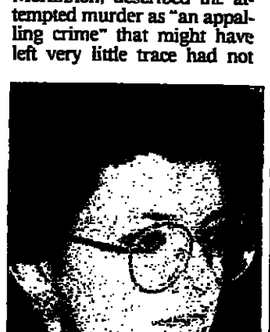
Ellis asked for 39 other offences of forgery, theft and deception to be taken into consideration.

The judge said that Ellis was an "ingenious, inventive and persistent fraudster".

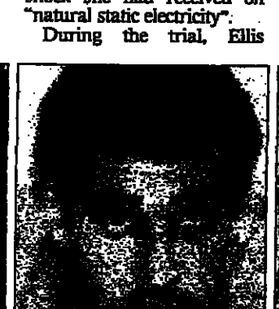
After the sentence, Mrs Ellis said: "He deserved all he got. I am very satisfied with the sentence.

"I have had eight years of hell and I am very glad it is all over," she said.

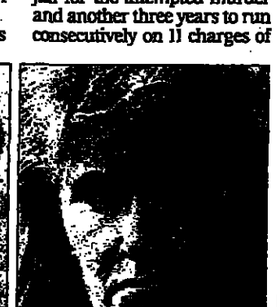
Mrs Francis said that anyone would have been taken in by Ellis's "saintly charm". She said: "I found him gentle, kind and saintly. I was absolutely devastated when I found out the truth."



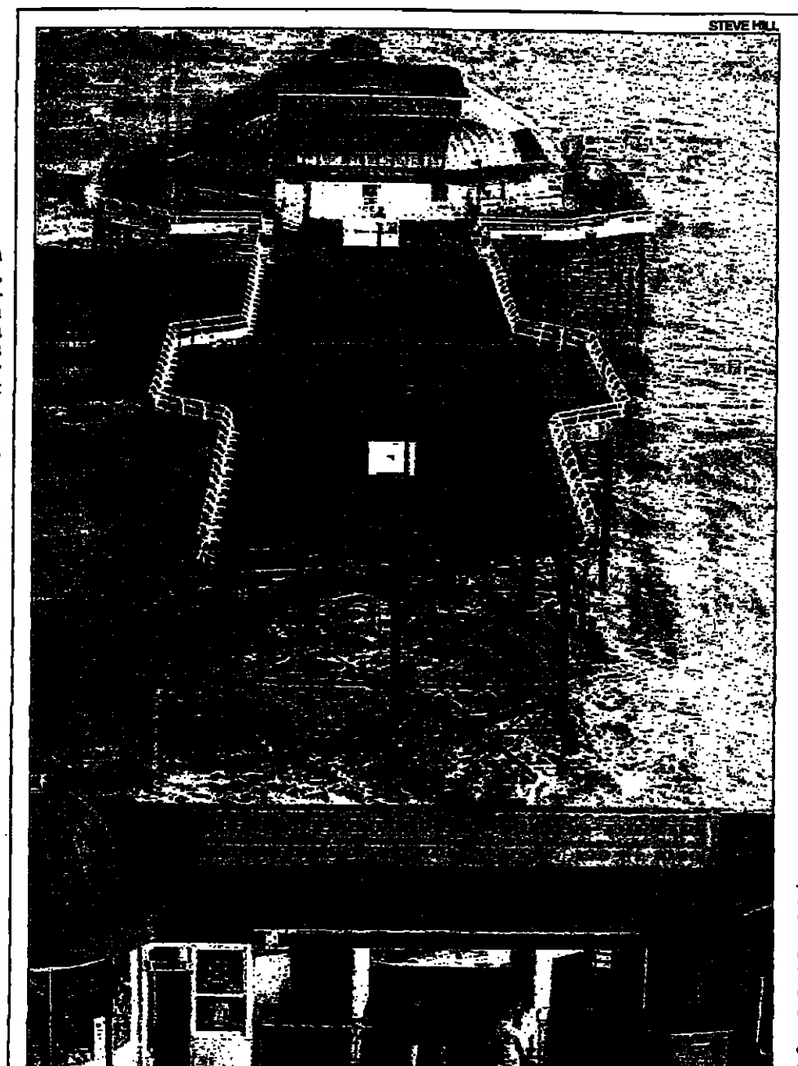
Mrs Ellis: only escaped death by a miracle



Ellis: planned to collect wife's life insurance



Mrs Francis: deceived by Ellis for four years



STEVE HILL

The 75ft gap left in Cromer pier after a barge hit it during Sunday's storms

Damaged pier will reopen next year

BY IAN MURRAY

CROMER'S graceful and historic pier, broken in two by a drifting barge during gales which lashed the east coast on Sunday, will be fully repaired and ready for business next spring.

Meanwhile, emergency repairs to bridge the 75ft gap in the decking are rushing ahead because the town's lifeboat, one of the busiest in Britain, has been marooned at the sea end of the pier.

A spokesman for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution said it hoped to have a rope bridge to the boat house in place later today.

Full repairs are to go ahead quickly because the town relies heavily on the pier. Opened in 1901, its Edwardian ironwork, deck chairs and thriving theatre are so essential to the area's tourism that North Norfolk District Council has just spent £450,000 on a total structural renovation.

"The irony is that we were just in the last stages of the restoration when this accident occurred," said Philip Sage, the district council engineer. "Fortunately, only the landward end has been destroyed and that is the easiest to repair."

Terry Nolan, the council chief executive, yesterday said: "We will definitely have it open again by the first bank holiday in May at the very latest."

RN police officer accused of pranks

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A DRUNKEN Royal Navy officer repeatedly brushed the breasts of a rating's wife at a karaoke night, a court martial was told yesterday. The naval police chief then stumbled into a table, sending drinks flying over fellow officers.

Lt Cmdr Nicholas Lewin, prosecuting at RNAS Yeovilton, Somerset, said that in another drunken prank, Lt John Winchester, 46, sprayed his working assistant with silly string. And he regularly ordered ratings to drive him illegally to Masonic lodge meetings.

Lt Winchester admits one charge of drunkenness and three of authorising a personal journey in service transport. He denies four other charges of drunkenness and one of neglecting to perform his duty to discipline a Wren.

All the offences were allegedly committed during his time as provost martial at HMS Osprey, the helicopter training base, at Portland, Dorset.

Lt Commander Lewin said that at a karaoke night at Portland on July 10, 1992, Winchester had been drinking. He asked a colleague's wife whether she was breast-feeding her two-month-old son and said that he could "come and look after her" if her husband was at sea.

Lt Winchester brushed the woman's breasts about five times, it was alleged.

The case continues.

Levitt lied his head off as company crashed, says QC

BY JON ASHWORTH

A FINANCIAL services company which invested millions of pounds for celebrity clients was "a commercial disaster waiting to happen", an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Roger Levitt, chairman and founder of The Levitt Group, fed more than £21 million into the company's accounts in 18 months to try to stave off financial collapse, it was alleged. David Cocks QC, in the third day of his opening speech for the prosecution, said investors, including Frederick Forsyth, the thriller writer, would have had nothing to do with the company had the truth been known.

Mr Levitt, 44, Mark Reed, 40, Alan McNamara, 29, and Robert Price, 42, deny a joint charge of fraudulent trading between April 1989 and December 1990.

The court was told of a series of meetings with City regulators in the weeks leading up to the company's collapse. It was claimed that Mr Levitt had been "lying his head off" when questioned by City regulators over the origin of £21 million, paid into The Levitt Group's accounts.

The court heard that Mr Levitt had claimed he operated outside the normal system of invoices due to "misgivings" about the function of the company's accounts department and about the level of control exercised by Mr Price, finance director. He had, it was claimed, asked people to pay him personally, allowing him to feed money into The Levitt Group as appropriate.

In a meeting on November 2, 1990, Mr Cocks said, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra), which was responsible for regulating The Levitt Group, expressed concern about whether Mr Levitt was "fit and proper" to be a director. Mr Levitt, he continued, pledged to produce a list showing which clients had paid him the £21 million, but later withdrew the offer.

It was claimed that on November 8, Mr Levitt's solicitor informed Stoy Hayward, the company's accountant, that the £21 million was Mr Levitt's "own personal money" and not fees. Mr Cocks said: "The facade was coming to an end." On November 13, Mr Levitt resigned. Liquidators were appointed on December 7.

Later, Brian Lett, for Mr Reed, told the court that much of his client's work was limited to writing memos about such things as sandwiches, parking tickets and office blinds. These included a memo to Sebastian Coe, the former Olympic gold medallist, over a failure to pay a parking ticket, and a note to Adam Faith, the former pop star, informing him he could not have expensive new blinds for his office.

Mr Lett said that Mr Levitt was the "founder and leading light" of what had effectively been a family business, and remained "the dad" and majority shareholder until its collapse.

"You will find Roger Levitt retained on his staff some family members who were no longer up to the job. We suggest Mark Reed was such a figure."

The trial continues.

Lodger 'stood in for dentist'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A DENTIST who allowed his lodger to carry out important repair work on a patient's teeth left her in agony and looking like Bugs Bunny, a disciplinary hearing in London was told yesterday.

The woman claimed she had to use three tubes of super-strong glue to try to stick back a crown herself.

The incident was just one of "a catalogue of bodged jobs" by Lawrence Koranteng described to the professional conduct committee of the General Dental Council.

Patricia McStravick broke down in tears as she gave evidence about the treatment she claimed to have received from Mr Koranteng and his lodger, Brian Callan, who promised to give her a smile like a film star. Her husband Thomas said in evidence that the only film star she looked like afterwards was Bugs Bunny.

Mrs McStravick, of Middlesbrough, said the men showed her a before-and-after portfolio of previous patients. "When they had finished, I was handed a mirror and I saw a horrendous sight."

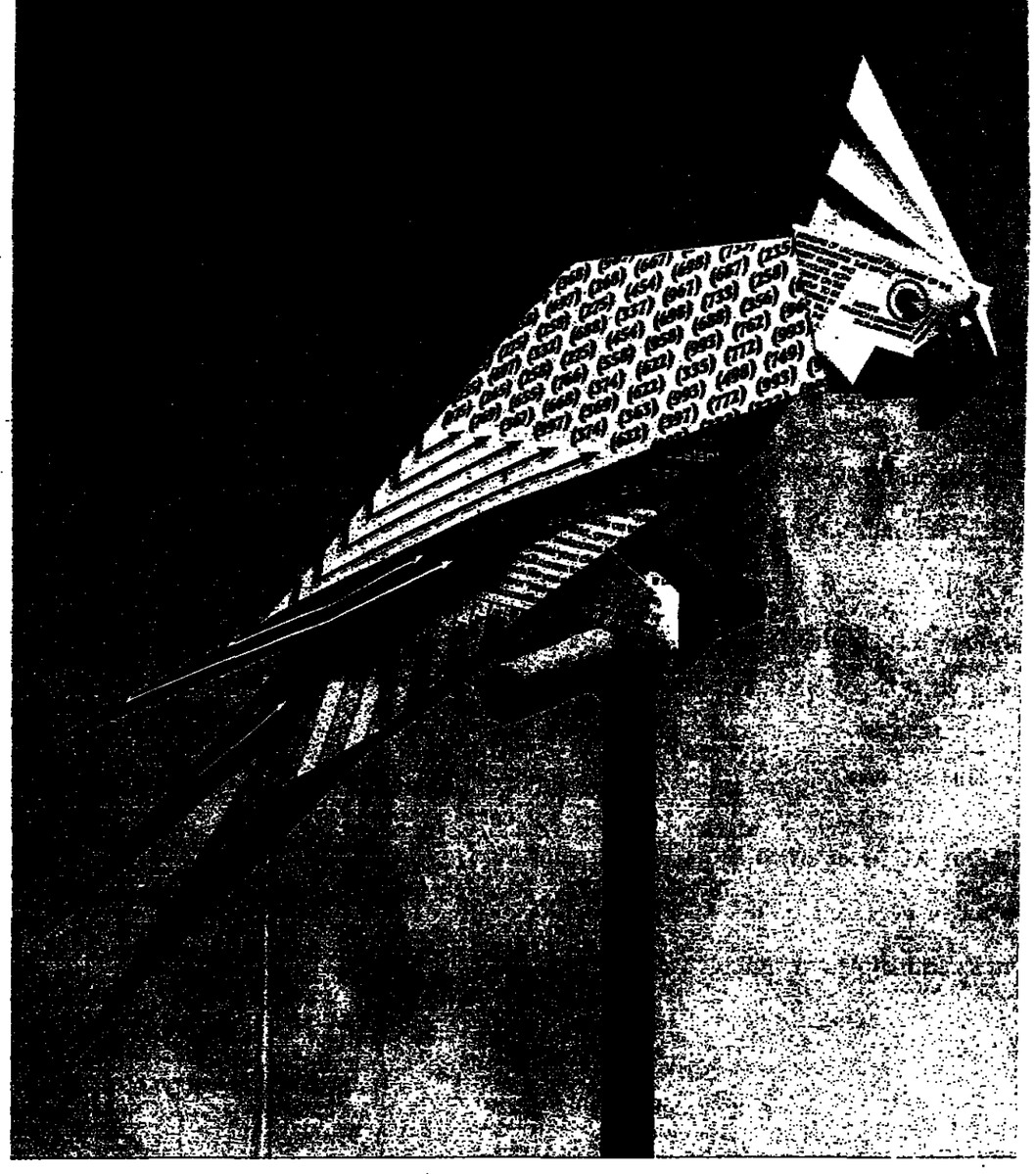
One of the crowns came loose, the hearing was told, and Mr Koranteng, who runs three surgeries in the North East of England, gave her a temporary plastic crown which fell out twice.

Mrs McStravick said: "The temporary crown was a disgusting yellow and did not fit. The second time it fell out was just two days before I was due to fly out to see my brother for the first time in two years. I was totally hysterical. As a last resort I bought an emergency crown kit which did not work, so in total desperation I tried Superglue. I used three tubes but it would not stick to the stump of my tooth and I was later told by my doctor I could have killed myself because of the fumes."

Richard Rundell, for the dental council, said Mrs McStravick paid £130 for the treatment but when she asked for her money back, Mr Callan said: "We will give you your money back if you will give us our crowns back."

Mr Koranteng denies professional misconduct but has admitted six charges of failing to keep adequate records of treatment and improperly issuing prescriptions.

The hearing continues.



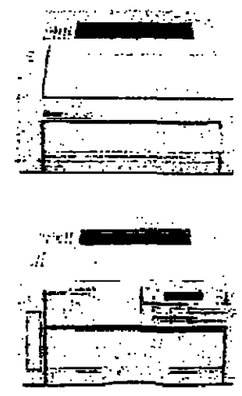
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Family refused to accept hazardous radiotherapy was the only option

Parents' computer hunt finds US surgeon to treat son

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A mother whose seriously ill son is going to America for treatment wonders why the operation is not available in Britain

A BOY is flying to America today after his parents spent months scouring international data bases to find a surgeon who could treat his brain tumour.

The parents of Vivian Barty-Taylor, 10, refused to accept British doctors' advice that radiotherapy was the only treatment possible. After an exhaustive search of data bases by his father, a computer expert, Vivian is travelling to New York University Medical Centre to be assessed by Professor Patrick Kelly.

David and Lynne Barty-Taylor were told that the radiotherapy treatment had a success rate of less than 50 per cent and carried the risk of serious side-effects.

They started to research the illness for themselves and Mr Barty-Taylor, a principal computing officer at Edinburgh University, used his expertise in an effort to find an effective treatment.

After three months of searching, they discovered that Professor Kelly was carrying out the operation that British doctors told them could not be done.

Vivian's tumour, which is affecting his vision, balance, memory and movement, is at the centre of his brain and is inaccessible by conventional surgery. Professor Kelly has pioneered a computer-guided procedure which has allowed him to carry out 24 operations in 12 years, with all but one patient showing improvement.

He creates a three-dimensional computer image of the patient's brain from scanner images that is used to carry out a mock-up of the operation, before using lasers to perform the actual surgery.

Mrs Barty-Taylor said: "Vivian was diagnosed in February on his tenth birthday. At the time I spoke to Professor Kelly, Vivian was symptom-free and we were advised to wait until he experienced symptoms. In the past few weeks he has become ill."

Questions have been asked, following the death of Laura Davies after two multiple-organ transplants, about the ethics of taking British children to the United States for treatment not available here. But Mrs Barty-Taylor said: "The two cases are very different. The benefits for Vivian from Professor Kelly's treatment are very clear."

Mrs Barty-Taylor added: "I wish there was more communication between the medical profession in the US and over here. We had to find out for ourselves as a result of our own diligence. I wish that someone in Britain had been able to tell us about it."

Although Vivian's illness is relatively rare, Mrs Barty-Taylor said there are other children in Britain who have the same type of tumour and could benefit from similar treatment.

"I don't know why the operation is not performed here. It may have something to do with resources," she said. Vivian's treatment will cost about £40,000.

He will travel to the US for assessment with his father. Mrs Barty-Taylor will stay at their home in Edinburgh with their two other children, until flying out to be with Vivian when he has the operation.

Yesterday Vivian, who last year reached the final of the BBC's Song for Christmas competition, said he was feeling a little better and was looking forward to his trip to America. "It's winter there so it will be really freezing. I am looking forward to going up the Empire State Building." He added: "I think Professor Kelly has got it in him to cure me."

Mr and Mrs Barty-Taylor have taken out a loan to pay for their son's treatment until the cost can be covered by fundraising activities. About £10,000 has been raised so far and Vivian is using his talents in the effort by recording a cassette tape of the songs he has written, including his BBC entry.

A tape will be sent to everyone who donates £5, £2 of which will go to Save the Children with the rest spent on Vivian's treatment. Anyone wishing to donate should send a self-addressed envelope with a 29p stamp to H. McKenzie, CA, 31 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh.

JIM MOYES



Vivian Barty-Taylor has recorded his songs to help pay for his treatment

Race guide for judges approved by Mackay

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A TWO-YEAR £1 million project to train judges in racial awareness and ensure they are seen as fair by black and Asian people was approved yesterday by the Lord Chancellor.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern told a private seminar of senior judges in London that it was central to a judge's job that he or she was not only fair but was also seen by fair-minded people to be fair. "Rightly or wrongly, this is not the picture which many fair-minded black and Asian people are getting," he said.

Lord Mackay accepted the plans of the Judicial Studies Board, supported by Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, that every circuit judge, recorder and assistant recorder should attend a short residential course over the next two years. The courses will be run by ethnic minority consultants.

Lord Mackay said: "More than 5 per cent of the population come from ethnic minorities, and many of them are very vulnerable people who may be understandably quick to take offence or to perceive discrimination where there is no cause for it."

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Warning to jurors in sex cases abolished

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard yesterday announced moves to scrap the "out-dated and demeaning" warnings which judges must give juries in sex cases about the danger of convicting on a victim's evidence alone.

Judges' mandatory warnings to juries in criminal cases involving the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice called by the prosecution are also to go. The reforms are expected to be part of the criminal justice bill outlined in the Queen's Speech on Thursday.

The home secretary said judges' mandatory warnings about the possible unreliability of the evidence of victims of sexual crime discouraged some from coming forward. He told Midland circuit judges and recorders at a seminar in Birmingham: "Such a warning is out-dated and demeaning to women, particularly in rape cases. It must go." Mr Howard had announced his intention to take the step last month at the Tory party conference.

Mr Howard said he had accepted the recommendations for legislation on the corroboration of evidence in criminal trials put forward two years ago by the Law Commission.

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RAF women claim sex discrimination

BY A STAFF REPORTER

PREGNANT RAF recruits were expected to go on manoeuvres in full battledress and do physical training, it was claimed yesterday.

Marc Brittain, representing eight servicewomen, claimed it was RAF policy to discourage them from having children. Thirteen women are claiming compensation from the Ministry of Defence for alleged sex discrimination.

Diane Tubb, 28, told an industrial tribunal in Nottingham that she joined the RAF in March 1983 at the age of 17, intending to make it her career. She was promoted and married an RAF sergeant. Four years later, she found she was pregnant.

"It was an accident. We didn't plan a family," she said. An RAF doctor confirmed she was six months pregnant and she was sacked. "I knew it was going to happen because it was the accepted thing in the RAF," she said.

Mrs Tubb, of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, said she was not told that she could apply to rejoin the RAF after giving birth.

Mr Brittain earlier told the tribunal that, before August 1990, women were automatically discharged when they became pregnant and could not reapply. Later that year there was a change of policy.

Mr Brittain said: "Pregnant women were allowed to stay in the service so far as their ability to wear a uniform was not affected. But they were still discriminated against.

"It was ludicrous to expect a woman to go on manoeuvres in full battledress, as they were expected to do, and to carry out PT.

"It would have been easy for the ministry to have instructed flight lieutenants to tell women who became pregnant that they had a right to return. But this was never done."

Mrs Tubb, who was sacked from RAF Cottesmore, is claiming damages from the date of birth of her first child.

The case continues.

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PC fined after fatal car crash

A POLICE officer walked free from court yesterday after his careless driving led to a man's death.

PC Jason Manning, 22, who had a previous conviction for careless driving in 1991, was fined £750 and banned for six months. He had originally faced a charge of causing the death of Herbie Middlemiss, 54, by dangerous driving, but Newcastle Crown Court was told that there was insufficient evidence.

Manning, of Amble, Northumberland, admitted careless driving. He had been following too closely behind a car on the A1068 while off-duty, the court was told. When the car slowed, he swerved into the path of Mr Middlemiss's car, killing him instantly.

Wes Hunter, Mr Middlemiss's passenger, was trapped for two hours and broke both legs. He said after the case yesterday that he had expected Manning to be jailed. "It's disgraceful," he said. "I can't help thinking it might have been different if Herbie had killed a policeman in similar circumstances."



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Palumbo accepts blame for scare over theatre funds

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

LORD Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, apologised to some of Britain's best-loved theatres yesterday for the council's mishandling of its drama policy and made an eleventh-hour effort to stave off further financial cuts.

Lord Palumbo said the arts were threatened "by traditional Treasury pecksniffery which affects understanding of the arts, but ignores the crucial fact that artistic talent is a resource so precious that it is not easily subject to regulation by parsimony". The government has proposed a £10 million cut in next year's Arts Council budget, which will be announced later this month.

Speaking at the launch of the final annual report of his five-year chairmanship, Lord Palumbo acknowledged mistakes made this year. He singled out the dispute over a hypothetical hit-list of regional theatres, drawn up by the council's drama panel. The theatres on the list, which was leaked, were thought to be at risk of losing their state subsidy.

Widespread protest resulted in withdrawal of the policy when it was considered by the full council in September. Instead, it was decided that each theatrical organisation supported by the council would have a 2 per cent cut in its grant. But the episode led to heated criticism of the Arts Council, and Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, was understood to be angered by the episode.

"We did not handle the theatrical situation during the summer months as well as we should have done," Lord Palumbo said yesterday. "We were under pressure from all sorts of directions, but that is not really an excuse, and I take responsibility for that. Communications were not as good as they should have been, paperwork was not as good as it should have been.

"I do not claim that we are an institution that is without its deficiencies. That was one, and I apologise for it."

In the introduction to the report, however, Lord Palumbo, who said he was "ready" to leave the unpaid post next spring, hit back at his critics. "We live in times of the wholesale denigration of the great formal institutions of state, the Crown, the church, Parliament and the law, exacerbated by the rigorous cutbacks in public expenditure. The Arts Council, for all its frailties, is still a national centre of excellence."

Just as the council "could do better", Lord Palumbo said, that there was "room for improvement" in the heritage department. His comments reflected more blatant criticism of the department by members of the arts community. Many are concerned that Mr Brooke has succumbed too easily to the Treasury's demands for cuts.

Lord Palumbo said that if an audit of the nation's assets could be made, artistic talent would come out on top.

Much speculation surrounds Lord Palumbo's successor as chairman, still to be appointed. Lord Gowrie, who steps down as chairman of Sotheby's Europe at the end of the year, was believed to be the front-runner. Although he has been considered for the post, it is thought that his name is no longer top of the list — partly because he would require a salary.

☐ A total of 16.3 million people visited arts events in 1992-3, representing 36 per cent of the adult population, the report said.



Palumbo: criticised "Treasury pecksniffery"



STEPHEN MARKESON

Tim Eggar, the energy minister, looking up at one of the 22 turbines he started yesterday at Cold Northcott

Cornwall feels the winds of change

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

THE biggest windfarm in Cornwall began operating yesterday when Tim Eggar, the energy minister, pressed a button to set in motion the 22 turbines that can generate enough electricity for 7,000 people.

The 2.5-acre farm at Cold Northcott, near Launceston, is the fourth in Cornwall, which as one of Britain's most windswept counties is particularly suited to this form of energy production. The mast of each 300-kilowatt turbine is 82ft high.

Planning permission has been granted for three other windfarms in Cornwall and environmental assessment has started on three more proposals. The Cold Northcott plant was commissioned by National Wind Power, a joint venture between Taylor Woodrow Construction and National Power, Britain's biggest electricity generating company.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sex charge dentist is cleared

A dentist accused of gaining sexual satisfaction by thrusting his fingers in and out of the mouths of female patients and staff was cleared of misconduct yesterday.

After a four-day hearing, the professional conduct committee of the General Dental Council found Michael Norton, 53, not guilty of behaving indecently towards two women patients at his Coventry surgery.

As well as the two women, aged 31 and 38, two young dental nurses gave evidence against Mr Norton, of Solihull, West Midlands.

Suspect dies

A man police were hunting after a gunpoint rape six weeks ago was found dead in the river Ribble at Preston, Lancashire. Terence Stocks, 32, is thought to have thrown himself in.

Cold comfort

Council workers in south Somerset have been told they must "tactfully refuse" free turkeys and drinks offered by residents this Christmas.

Officer killed

DC Tom Need, 26, a Metropolitan police undercover officer, died when his motorcycle collided with a car in Charlwood, Surrey.

Kidnap alert

Police issued a warning after a black man aged 25-30 and 5ft 9in tried to abduct a woman walking home in Luton.

WPC death

Angus Elliott, 30, of Forfar, was remanded at Dundee charged with arson and murdering WPC Irene Martin, 27.

Dying man 'waited four days for GP to call'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A PLEA for help from the wife of a dying man too ill to swallow painkillers was ignored by a GP who claimed to be the sick man's friend, a doctors' disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

Rita Steele waited four days for Dr Pratibha Salvi to visit her husband Ralph, who was dying of cancer, the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee heard.

The doctor finally arrived just 20 minutes before Mr Steele's death, and after his wife had decided to register with another GP.

Mrs Steele told the hearing that she wanted Dr Salvi to give her 61-year-old husband painkillers after he became too ill to swallow the tablets prescribed for him.

"She said she would come and visit him that day. I expected her to come because she said that she was his friend," Mrs Steele said.

She said that, despite two further telephone calls to Dr Salvi's surgery in Farnworth, Greater Manchester, the doctor failed to appear. Three days later, she decided to call another doctor who visited her husband almost immediately.

The committee also heard how a Bolton woman, identified only as Mrs R, had to have a hysterectomy after Dr Salvi took seven months to deliver results of a cervical smear test which showed that she was suffering from cancer.

Dr Salvi is also accused of failing to give an adequate physical examination to an elderly resident of a nursing home who died from complications caused by gangrene five days after she called. She denies five allegations of serious professional misconduct.

The hearing continues.

Pop singer wins apology over Gary Glitter story

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE pop singer Suzi Quatro received an apology yesterday over a newspaper article suggesting that she had an affair with Gary Glitter.

The article in the *Daily Mirror* in September was wholly untrue, Quatro's solicitor, Keith Mathieson, told the High Court. The paper had claimed that Quatro, 43, who recently married a German businessman, had been in love with Glitter for three months and that whispers about them began when she was asked to support Glitter on a British tour.

The truth was that Quatro had seen Glitter only once in the past ten years, at a business meeting. The *Mirror* agreed to pay her costs.

☐ The actor Kiefer Sutherland accepted "substantial damages" and an apology from the *News of the World* over claims that he had an adulterous affair and married his wife only as a publicity stunt. Suggestions by a woman named Karin Begin that she and Sutherland were lovers appeared to be a figment of her imagination, the High Court was told. Sutherland had never met Ms Begin, his solicitor said.

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Rifkind draws up new policy on nuclear weapons as threat shifts to Third World

Britain falls into line over warhead cuts

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE announcement that Britain's Trident deterrent is to be deployed with a significantly reduced "explosive" firepower, as reported in later editions of *The Times* yesterday, is intended as the centrepiece of the government's proposed contribution towards meeting the growing threat of nuclear proliferation.

In his speech today Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, is expected to emphasise the responsibility Britain shares towards countering the spread of weapons of mass destruction. The proposed reduction in Trident's firepower to the level carried by the Polaris submarines will bring Britain into line with at least three of the other four official nuclear powers.

The United States and Russia are cutting their strategic warhead totals to 3,500 each under the second arms reduction agreement (Start II), although counting rules for air-launched cruise missiles will allow the Americans a larger total of 4,448 warheads.

Les Aspin, the US defence secretary, has also recently ordered a review of American nuclear strategy and this could lead to a further reduction, possibly even to 1,000 warheads, if the Russians agree to a similar move.

France is also modernising its strategic deterrent, with a new M5-S5 missile for four *Triomphant* class submarines. Although the missile will be capable of carrying up to 12 warheads, the French are not expected to increase the warhead total. The Chinese are building a new submarine and bomber and could increase their nuclear firepower, but production is so slow that they are not expected to boost their warhead stocks for at least the next five years.

No longer facing a cohesive hostile nuclear power, the justification for Britain's deterrent has been based on a more modest and more remote hypothesis, focusing increasingly on the need to deter a Third World country armed with nuclear weapons.

The Trident D5 missile was chosen originally because of the advances made by the then Soviet Union in building a new missile defence system around Moscow and expectations of further improvements. There is no likelihood today that Russia will be able to afford or even wish to have a more sophisticated system.

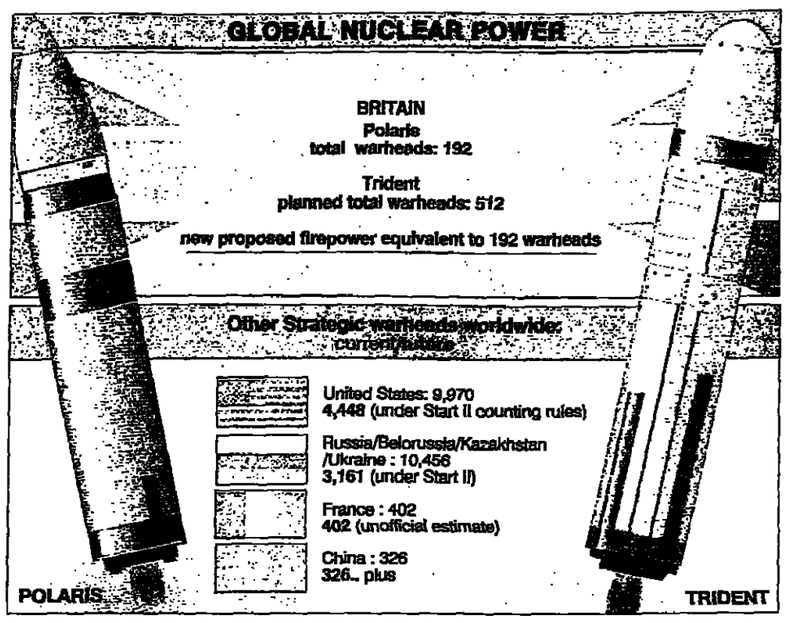
Lord Craig, Chief of the Defence Staff from 1988-1991, said he was against relying solely on Trident for both strategic deterrence and as a "sub-strategic" system. He cast doubt on "the reliability over a very long period of one missile with one warhead on a single boat which must be at sea".

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Tory chairman of the all-party Commons defence select committee, plans to ask Mr Rifkind to clarify the government's warheads policy when he appears before the MPs on December 1. Sir Nicholas said the decision seemed Treasury-led and he was anxious to know whether the government would be able to increase the firepower in the future in the event of "Russia falling into the wrong hands".

David Clarke, shadow defence spokesman, said: "Since this is the policy we have been advocating, it would be churlish not to welcome it. However, only a month ago I was laughed out of court and told that the enhanced Trident capability was the minimum credible deterrent. Now it's suddenly all change."

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat defence spokesman, said: "At last some belated common sense is creeping into the government's thinking on nuclear weapons."

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New missile system tracks the changes in its ancient foe

Britain will remain a nuclear power to deal with a minimal residual threat, writes Lawrence Freedman

When Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, delivers his keynote speech on Britain's nuclear deterrent to London University's Centre for Defence Studies today he may be doing no more than clarifying established policy.

It has been suggested that he will announce that the number of nuclear warheads on the incoming Trident missiles will the same as with the outgoing Polaris missiles. However, there may have been a hasty assumption that a reference to "a force with a total explosive power no greater than that of the current generation" meant equivalent numbers of warheads. In fact individual Trident warheads are of lower yield.

The first of the four Trident-carrying Vanguard class submarines is due to enter service in about a year. More than a decade ago the government promised that each missile would carry no more than eight warheads. With 16 missiles the submarines could carry 128 warheads, adding up to a potential total of 512.

This maximum was always notional in that the four boats would never be on patrol at the same time. It has been evident for some time that it would never be reached. Britain purchased the Trident D5 missile from the United States not because its range and warhead potential were tailor made for national strategy, but because experience suggested that maintenance costs would be much more manageable if the Americans were operating the same system at the same time.

Since these decisions were taken the strategic environment has been transformed.

Polaris's Chevaline warhead, developed at enormous expense during the 1970s, was largely designed to beat the Soviet anti-ballistic missile system around Moscow. One advantage of Trident was that the many extra warheads could ensure that any great expansion of the system could still be swamped. No new Russian ballistic missile defence on a substantial scale is now conceivable for many years hence.

Trident was also supposed to bring about extra flexibility in targeting options. There has never been much doubt about the ability of even a few nuclear warheads to cause massive death and destruction. In July 1980 the government stated that its "concept of deterrence is concerned essentially with posing a potential threat to key aspects of Soviet state power". Exactly what this meant in practice was never wholly clear: it implied a more subtle focus in destroying facilities which made it possible for the Kremlin to control its dominion, such as communication networks and energy supplies.

Given that "state power" is now a rare commodity within the former Soviet Union, fight central control has gone forever, and the military establishment itself is being scaled down, there is little obvious need for a sophisticated targeting doctrine — or large numbers of warheads with which to execute it.

A final reason why warhead numbers can now slip is that the Atomic Weapons Establishment facilities for their production at Aldermaston have suffered from considerable delays. There would be difficulty in meeting much more ambitious production targets.

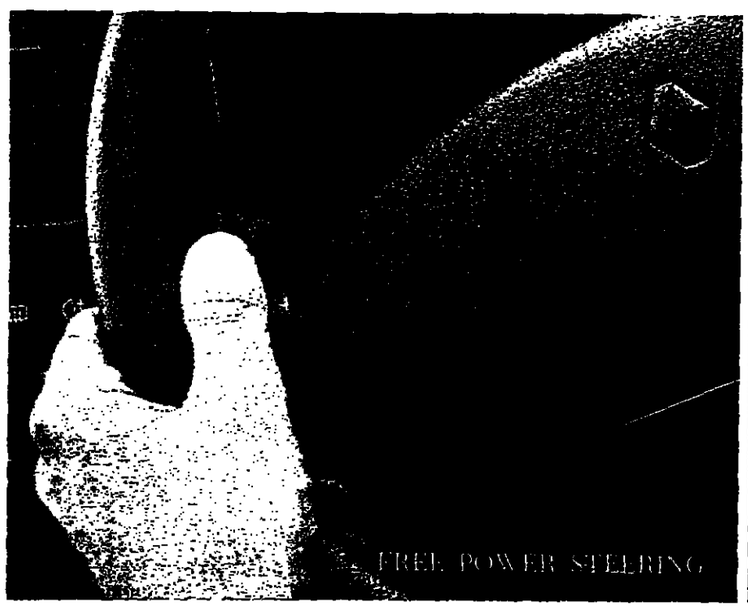
Trident has been given a new role, in that some missiles may be fitted with single warheads for so-called "sub-strategic" purposes, for example against military targets to warn of worse things to come. This is to make it possible to do without a replacement for the RAF's elderly nuclear free-fall bombs (the WE-177).

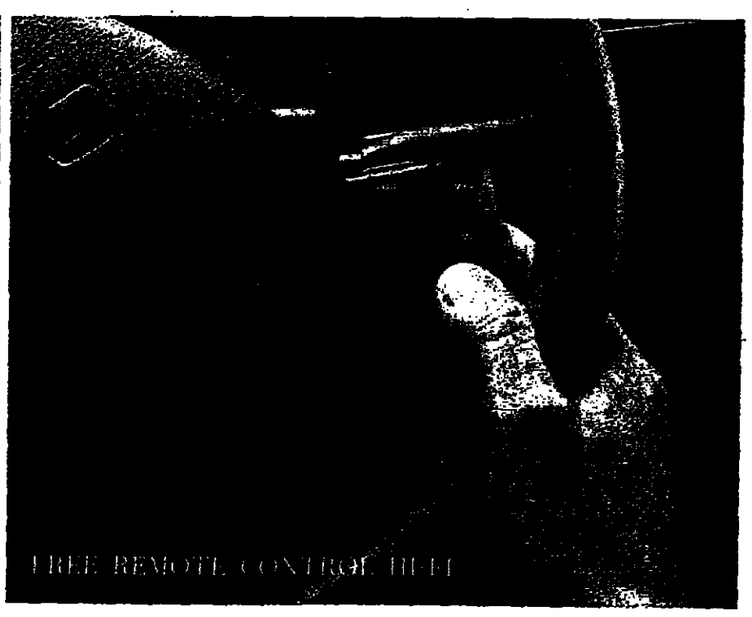
At the start off this decade, unofficial estimates put the number of weapons in the WE-177 family of free-fall bombs and depth bombs at 180. They could be delivered by RAF Tornado GR1 and Buccaneer aircraft, Sea Harriers of the Royal Navy and, as depth bombs, by anti-submarine helicopters. RAF Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft had access to American depth bombs. Meanwhile in Germany there were army regiments equipped with short-range Lance missiles and artillery pieces able to fire American nuclear shells.

It is arguable that any cuts in nuclear capacity should have been traded in as part of a strategic arms control agreement. However, not only has President Yeltsin nothing spare to offer to Britain, but it is highly unlikely that there will be traditional nuclear arms control any more. Further restructuring of all nuclear arsenals will be unilateral. As such they can be reversed.

If the planners in 1980 had known what we know now they might have gone for a smaller system than Trident, which consists of large boats carrying a few warheads to deter a menace that is even more remote than before. As the investment has now largely been made there is little support for scrapping the system altogether. Britain will remain a nuclear power on the basis that it has scaled down to a minimum capability to ensure that it can deal with the minimal residual threat.

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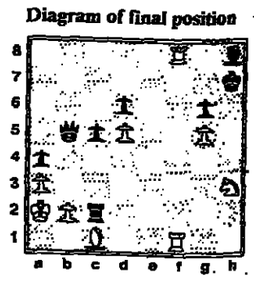
THE new British champion is 22-year-old Michael Hennigan, who tied for first place in the tournament in Dundee and then won the play-off against Dharshan Kumaran by two and a half to one and a half. Here is the third game of the match, sponsored by Raymond Mays, which enabled Michael to take a decisive 2-1 lead.

White: Dharshan Kumaran
Black: Michael Hennigan
British Championship play-off, game 3

King's Indian Defence

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4	e4	d6	34	Bf1	Qf7
5	Be2	0-0	35	Rg1	Qe7
6	Be3	e5	36	Ka2	Nf8
7	d5	a5	37	Be2	Qf7
8	g4	Na6	38	Rg3	c5
9	h4	Nc5	39	Rg1	Rh7
10	f3	h5	40	Bf2	R4h5
11	g5	Nh7	41	f4	exf4
12	Qd2	f6	42	Bxh5	Rxh5
13	0-0-0	fxg5	43	Nd4	Rh7
14	hxg5	Rf7	44	Be3	Qe8
15	Kb1	Bd7	45	Qc2	Re7
16	Nh3	b6	46	Rf1	b5
17	Nf2	Qe7	47	cxb6	Rxe4
18	Nb6	Rc8	48	Bc1	Bf5
19	Rhg1	Qf8	49	Nxh3	Qxb5
20	Rdf1	Rf4	50	Rh2	Re2
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29	Qd2	Rh5			
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Diagram of final position



Readers' questions
I am delighted to answer any question about chess, including the world championship and the Winning Move positions. However, queries must include an SAE and any queries relating to a chess position must include a diagram of the relevant position.

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How a small town united in the battle to protect its youth from a growing menace

Hammering home the drug message

By Lin Jenkins

ALARM bells started to ring when police in a market town came across a 12-year-old selling single drags on a cannabis cigarette for 20p. Petty crime also pointed to a drug problem: children were selling £70 personal stereos for the price of a few tabs or a small block of cannabis.

With recent research showing that children in rural areas are being caught in the illicit trade that once rarely reached beyond the cities, the community in Witney, Oxfordshire, decided it was time to act.

The initiative, a unique approach to the problem, is being led by the local police who work with landlords, councils, chamber of commerce, schools and parents to tackle drug abuse from the lowest level upwards.

Some might see it as taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut. The Thames Valley force drugs squad would consider the problems of a town of under 30,000 inhabitants too small to merit attention. The local police think differently.

"We have a Utopian town," said Inspector Michael Cassidy. "We saw that we had this trickle of drugs coming in and raising its ugly head."

Investigations suggested that cannabis, Ecstasy and LSD were easily available locally, but that the number of sources was still small.

The police set up their own drugs team, altering their shifts, taking advice from CID on tactics and vital rules in gathering evidence, and enlisted the help of special constables.

The first raids caused consternation in the town. The police responded by holding a meeting where they outlined the problem and their response. To illustrate their point, the team demonstrated the sledgehammers used to enter homes where children were suspected to be taking drugs.

Insp Cassidy said: "It can be aggresive and intimidating. But we tell parents who complain that if we rang the doorbell instead of breaking the door down the kids would flush the stuff down the loo."

A dozen search warrants have been granted this year and all have been successful. Punishments have included cautions, fines and a 12-month prison sentence. A court case last week was possible only because a PC who caught a large slab of cannabis as it was thrown out of a window immediately arranged for scientific testing of remains on the scales inside, which provided a mechancial match.

Insp Cassidy said: "That was enough for a joint each for 1,700 kids. The dealer would have made £600 and there you see the problem. Drugs is a business, from that level down to the boy selling puffs at 20p. Children steal and sell the proverbial family silver to pay for drugs. It destroys the incentive to pursue education and look for work."

The impact of the initiative on Witney was remarkable: the Chamber of Trade is broadening the crimestoppers telephone line it sponsors to embrace the drug trade; local business has supplied a vehicle for police surveillance.

The town's licensed victuallers' association, now in its second year, has embraced the project and plans to add the names of convicted drug pushers to the list of people banned from all the pubs.

Lesley Semaine, chairman and licensee of The Butcher's in the town centre, said: "A public house is one of the few places where dealers can meet a lot of people. By being involved, we make it quite clear that we do not want it going on."

West Oxfordshire District Council has allocated £3,500 towards the cost of educating parents and children. Heads and police met last week to discuss how best it could be spent.

John Barker, headmaster of Henry Box School, one of the two secondary schools in Witney with a roll of 1,110, is supportive. He and his staff realise that they are ill-equipped to recognise problems and deal with them.

"I have never smoked anything in my life," he said. "We can control life here, but we can't control a young person's interest in drugs in the wider community. What is happening in Witney is an attempt led by the police to try to protect the children. We support that and are aware that if the availability of drugs grows then what was abnormal becomes normal."

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Drugs raid entry tools demonstrated by, left to right, Sgt Dick Brown, PC Bill Adams and WPC Jan Hermon

Cartoon crusader warns of danger

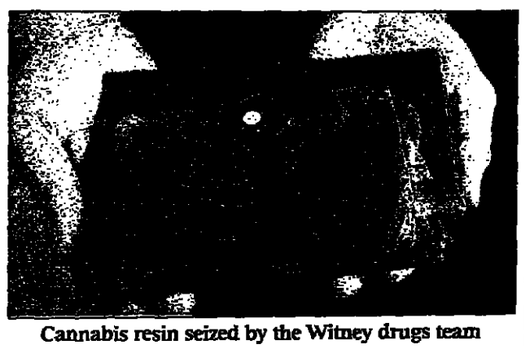
By A Staff Reporter

PEANUT Pete, a scruffy, working class cartoon character, is spearheading the drive to warn schoolchildren about the dangers of drugs. Dressed in a baseball cap, T-shirt and jeans, Pete spends his time at raves and nightclubs, and his money on recreational drugs such as Ecstasy and cannabis.

Aged between 16 and 25, the character was created by the Manchester drugs agency Lifeline, and is illustrating pamphlets and posters in schools, youth clubs and churches across northwest England.

Peanut Pete's experiences, the inevitable brushes with the police, shortage of cash, and the unpleasant side-effects are a colourful attempt to provide drug information.

Parents might be shocked, but some youth workers believe the best way to reach children is to be realistic.



Cannabis resin seized by the Witney drugs team

Schools confront difficult dilemma

Schools are fighting a rearguard action as drug abuse rises, writes ***John Rae***

The problem faced by independent and maintained schools over illegal drugs is not new but it is growing more acute. Three factors are accentuating the dilemma of headmasters in framing a convincing policy: widespread teenage use of drugs, intense competition for pupils and the blurring of the distinction between legal and illegal drugs.

Heads first became aware of the problem in the late 1960s but had little idea how to react. When I became headmaster of Westminster in 1970, the rules made no mention of illegal drugs. Our first attempts to formulate policy were inevitably inconsistent: draconian one moment, trying unsuccessfully to distinguish between pushers and users the next. It paid to do nothing.



Heads who denied that there was a problem avoided the publicity that followed expulsion. Denial became increasingly unconvincing, as did attempts to treat selling, possessing and using differently.

By the end of the 1970s, most independent school heads had decided that any involvement with illegal drugs would normally result in expulsion. The school year was punctuated by "drug busts" that cleared the air and persuaded the community that illegal drug-taking was limited to a disaffected minority.

It is this, above all, that has changed. Surveying the assembled pupils, today's head knows that almost all will be offered illegal drugs at some time. Heads have to reckon that a majority of pupils will use them, if only occasionally. A policy of expelling those who use drugs outside and inside school would soon result in there being few pupils left.

Education reforms, particularly the development of grant-maintained schools, and the impact of the recession on boarding numbers have intensified competition. While the head may wish to assure prospective parents that the school is tough on drugs, can he or she afford to do so in practice? I am not suggesting that heads turn a blind eye, but hard evidence is never easy to find. If I had followed up every rumour, I would have had to expel too many pupils. If that was true of an oversubscribed academic school in the 1970s, how much more true must it be of an undersubscribed boarding school in the 1990s?

There is a further dimension to the head's dilemma. Society's attitude to illegal drugs is ambivalent. Heads may favour expulsion but the police tend to favour a caution. Even the health arguments are no longer put across with much conviction. Last year, the health department published *Drugs: A Young Person's Guide*. Having said that alcohol and tobacco "can cause major health problems", it had only this to say of cannabis: "Some people do not get much effect from cannabis. Others think that it makes them feel more relaxed. But if people smoke a lot of cannabis they can damage their lungs, as it is usually smoked with tobacco."

Heads must feel at times that they have been left to fight a rearguard action while the rest of society withdraws to a more easily defended position. But there is a striking unanimity among heads of independent and maintained schools on what the policy should be. Their aim is to make the school itself drug-free.

Some information about illegal drugs can be useful for young people, but far more useful are skills that enable them to understand themselves and not to be prisoners of their peer group. It is the development of that old-fashioned virtue that should underpin every school's drug policy.



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Vision of schools Utopia will not be welcomed by cost-cutters at the Treasury


Sir Claus: warned of declining standards

John O'Leary, education editor, awards full marks for the national commission's report on education, but argues that its goals are not all realistic

SIR Claus Moser struck a chord with public opinion three years ago when he carried out his public dissection of the nation's education for the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

The furore which greeted his warning of educational decline did not move ministers to establish the royal commission he wanted, but it persuaded the Paul Hamlyn Foundation to invest £1 million to do the job. Yesterday's report showed how necessary the exercise was and how far from solution the problems are.

Learning to Succeed, the commission's 450-page report, does not pretend to offer a quick fix. Rather it details a prescription that points in mostly predictable directions, some highly desirable but few capable of early implementation.

The seven-point "vision", followed by seven broad goals, gives a clue to the character of what follows. The starting point is that knowledge and applied knowledge have become central to all countries' economic success, and social and personal well-being. In the United Kingdom, big improvements are needed to match world standards. Only if everyone wants to learn, and has the opportunity and encouragement to do so, can this come about. All children must achieve an early grasp of literacy and basic skills as the foundation for learning throughout life.

The full range of people's abilities must be recognised and their development rewarded. High-quality learning depends above all on the "knowledge, skill, effort and example" of teachers and trainers. Lastly, the commission asserts that it is the role of education to interpret and to pass on the values of society and to stimulate people to think for themselves and change the world around them. Most of these ideals will surely pass muster with John Patten, the education secretary, without suggesting a clear path of action.

The seven goals were at least more specific. Mr Patten may have ruled out nursery education for all, but the commission is one of many voices calling for substantial increases in provision. The new General Education Diploma, taking in academic and vocational qualifications, will also find a welcome in most of the education world, although not in government.

The commission slips into Utopian mode with its right for "every pupil in every lesson to have good teaching and adequate support facilities". Similarly, an entitlement to learn throughout life will meet only practical objections.

Proposals for changes in the management of education and training, integrating the two and including all those with a stake in the system, bring the report back to earth in a direction that may not be wholly unwelcome to Mr Patten. Nor will the recognition that private investment, as well as public, will have to rise if the promised transformation is ever to come about. The last of the commission's goals, for constantly rising achievement, is an essential aim but nothing more.

Behind the many specific proposals that follow is an assumption that ministers are willing to increase spending and to embark anew on reform. A number of the recommendations undoubtedly will be taken up, but the commission's notion of the report as a package is simply not realistic.

It offers a well-developed picture of where British education ought to be moving in an ideal world. Its supporters will argue with justice that the country cannot afford to leave the system as it is, but in the middle of a public spending squeeze the commission's vision seems a distant one.

Education reforms could put penny on income tax

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE independent National Commission on Education yesterday put forward a £1.4 billion plan to revamp the education system for the 21st century. Opposition MPs and teachers' organisations welcomed the 450-page report, which is the result of a two-year enquiry. John Patten, the education secretary, said he would study the findings with interest.

Two of the commission's key recommendations, for universal nursery education and a new general diploma to replace GCSEs and A-levels, have already been rejected by the government. However, Sir Claus Moser, who initiated the enquiry, appealed to ministers to view the proposals as a long-term strategy.

Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, said the findings would carry considerable weight. "The whole report is a devastating litany of the failures of 14 years of Conservative rule." Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, also welcomed many of the proposals, and urged that the report be used as the basis for a new consensus to end "the current strife in our schools".

The reforms would cost the equivalent of a penny on the basic rate of income tax, as well as requiring extra investment by companies and students. Sir Claus, the former warden of Wadham College, Oxford, who chaired the commission's research committee, said: "Increased resources have to come from public and private sources."

The shake-up involves a 5 per cent rise in education spending by the year 2000, but Lord Walton of Detchant, the commission chairman, said that it was a matter for the government whether to implement the recommendations and how to fund them.

The commission's report, *Learning to Succeed*, puts forward five methods by which the £1.4 billion needed to fund the proposals could be raised. Instead of using an increase in the basic rate of income tax alone, all three tax rates could rise by 0.7 per cent, or there could be bigger increases in VAT, national insurance or corporation tax.

Yesterday Sir Claus said that spending on education justified being accorded a high priority because it linked all areas of the economy.

Among the main recommendations are:

☐ A reduced national curriculum, taking up only half of available school time but extended to the age of 18.

☐ A ten-year programme to limit primary school classes to 30, with a maximum of 20 in deprived areas.

☐ Systematic improvement of rundown school buildings.

☐ The establishment of a general teaching council to regulate the profession, as part of a "new deal in the classroom".

☐ Compulsory study to the age of 18, aided by means-tested grants.

☐ Individual fees, with the option of additional loans, for university students.

☐ The commission proposes that GCSEs and A-levels should be replaced by a general education diploma, awarded at ordinary and advanced levels and covering vocational and academic courses.

The advanced level of the diploma, which would normally be taken at 18, would form the basis of new targets for educational achievement.

☐ There would be free tuition and paid study leave for all students, at least to the age of 25, who had not acquired the diploma. Employers would have to give young workers paid study time and pay a lower "training wage".

☐ Education and training would come under the local control of new boards, assuming the functions of education authorities and training and enterprise councils. National responsibility would rest with a new Department for Education and Training.

Mr Patten has already refused to contemplate replacing A-levels. He also in effect rejected another of the commission's key proposals, for a substantial expansion of nursery education, in a BBC radio interview at the weekend.

The commission's findings are to be the subject of a Lords debate in the new year.

☐ *Learning to Succeed* (Heinemann, £4.99).

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Competitors put Britain in shade

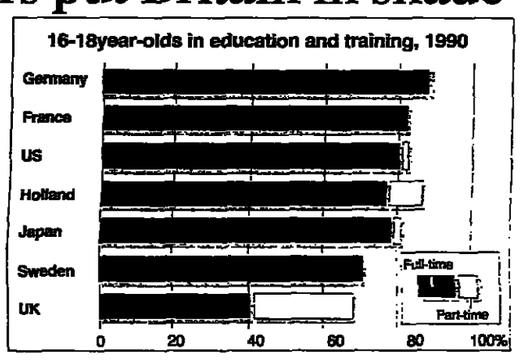
BY JOHN O'LEARY

BRITAIN lags behind many of its competitors in key areas of education, the national commission reports.

Sir Claus Moser's fears, expressed in a speech to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, that the country might become "the least educated of advanced nations", proved to be the impetus for the two-year enquiry. Research quoted in the 450-page report confirms some of his misgivings.

Only 27 per cent of English 16-year-olds manage A-C grade GCSE passes in mathematics, the national language and one science subject, compared with 66 per cent in France and 62 per cent in Germany reaching the equivalent standard.

By the age of 18, fewer than 30 per cent of English pupils have academic or vocational qualifications equivalent to the old O-level, compared with 68 per cent in Germany and 80 per cent in Japan.



Britain also compares unfavourably with rival nations in the participation rates in education and training after 16. Fewer than 40 per cent are on full-time courses, compared with twice that number in France and Germany.

The report says: "These are disturbing figures. There is no refuge in suggesting that perhaps even without formal qualifications British workers are just as productive as German or French; detailed studies in various parts of industry have shown that they are not by any means as productive, and that a key reason is precisely their lack of adequate training."



ADRIAN BROOKS

Georgina Manzi, three, makes a final appeal for her day nursery outside the High Court yesterday. Inside, the judge disappointed her young colleagues

Nursery places for all is 10-year target

BY JOHN O'LEARY

ACCESS to nursery education for all children from the age of three is seen by the commissioners as an essential grounding for its plans to raise standards. But they do not expect to reach their target for another ten years.

Their report outlines a three-stage improvement in the figures, which are well below those elsewhere in Europe. Fewer than half of all British three and four-year-olds are in publicly funded classes, compared with 95 per cent in France and 77 per cent in Germany.

Within five years, the commission hopes to see nursery places available for all children in deprived areas of every local authority. By the turn of the century, 60 per cent of other children should be offered places, with the proportion rising to 95 per cent of four-year-olds and 85 per cent of three-year-olds before 2010.

Sir Claus Moser, who initiated the enquiry, said: "It was never in our minds that nursery education for all, which we regard as absolutely basic, would suddenly be implemented overnight. We hope the government will say that it is the right aim, and will go towards it as soon as resources permit."

☐ A group of youngsters classed as children in need yesterday failed in a High Court attempt to save their nursery from closure. The six, whose ages range from two to four, are the youngest children to seek a judicial review under the 1989 Children Act.

Acting through their mothers, they asked Mr Justice Auld to block a decision of the London Borough of Barnet to shut the Kingswood day nursery for children with special needs. The judge rejected their argument that the council had acted irrationally and unlawfully and had failed to carry out full and proper consultations.

The council plans to sell the large Edwardian house with grassy garden in Finchley, north London, where the nursery is located, and provide alternative facilities elsewhere. The parents of the six children, who were at the High Court as the judge rejected a claim that the council was in breach of its duties under the Children Act, complained that the alternative nursery facilities on offer would be both inferior and inadequate and the council's aim was to provide services "on the cheap".

Later, Heather Lang, 30, mother of Wayne, 4, said: "We have spent 11 months fighting this. Now our kids are having to move from a house with a lovely garden to a new centre with a garden that backs on to a railway line. We are all petrified they are going to get over on to the line."

'Crude' Scottish exam tables criticised

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE examination results for secondary schools in Scotland were published yesterday amid critisism that they put schools into crude league tables and take no account of social factors.

The government said the results should not be read as "league tables" and warned parents to "go carefully" when analysing the statistics. The tables show a slight improvement in results in Scotland over the past three years.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, the Scottish education minister, said that parents wanted information on examination results and the published figures encouraged schools to do better. "When results are published it is an incentive to teachers and to schools to aim for standards and quality," he said.

The report by the audit unit of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools looks at results in the fourth, fifth and sixth years at all Scottish schools. Privately funded schools are listed separately from state schools.

The analysis is given on a regional basis with Shetland, which has only nine schools and 1,757 pupils, faring best. Overall, 56 per cent of third year pupils on the islands passed three or more Standard Grades at bands 1 and 2. The national average was 34 per cent.

Glasgow fared worst with only 20 per cent of its third year pupils gaining three or more Standard Grades at bands 1 and 2 and only 64 per cent gaining three passes at bands 1-4.

The report shows that the number of Scottish pupils gaining five or more Highers, the Scottish equivalent of English "A" levels, in bands A to C has increased steadily over the past three years. Dumfries and Galloway performed best with 8.5 per cent of pupils gaining five or more Highers in the top bands.

The lowest-ranked area is Glasgow, where just 3 per cent of pupils achieved Highers at that level. Over Scotland as a whole, 5.9 per cent of pupils reached this level, compared with 5.6 per cent in both 1992 and 1991.

State schools which performed particularly well in the fourth year examinations include Selkirk High School, in the Borders; Wallace Hall Academy in Dumfries and Galloway; Aberdeen Grammar School and Banchory Academy in Grampian; Ullapool High School in the Highlands; Linlithgow Academy in Lothian; Anderson High School and Sandwick Junior High School in Shetland; Lenzie Academy in Dumbarton; Gryffe High School and Mearns Castle High School in Renfrew; Monifieth High School and Pitlochry High School in Tayside and Castle Bay School in the Western Isles.

Comparisons between the independent schools are more difficult to make because many follow the English system of examinations.

Headmaster fears comparisons

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE headmaster of the state school which produced some of the best examination results in the whole of Scotland last year said that he thought the tables published yesterday could be unfair.

Ian Climie, headmaster of Mearns Castle High School in Renfrew district, said he did not think it was right that his school, situated "in the leafy suburbs", should be compared with those schools in the deprived east end of Glasgow.

"I have mixed feelings about publishing the results," Mr Climie said. "The main task of a school is to look honestly at its own results and set its own internal targets, rather than comparing itself with other schools.

"A school may say, 'we should have had more band As', or, 'we should have done better at a certain subject', and set internal targets to achieve those objectives. There have been years at Mearns Castle when we have said we should have done better."

Mr Climie's school has a roll of 881. All of its pupils in secondary four are entered for the Standard Grade examinations and last year 69 per cent of them passed three or more Standard Grades at levels 1 and 2, the top bands.

Ninety five per cent of the school's pupils achieved three or more Standard Grades at levels 1 to 4 and 70 per cent of its fifth year passed at least one Higher.

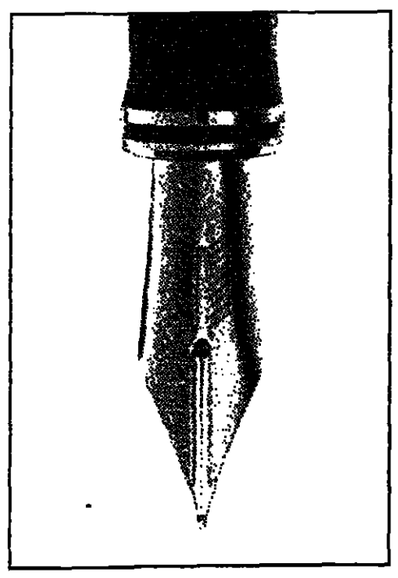
Mr Climie said he was aware that the school's results this year were particularly good. "The results have improved in the last two years. We've put more emphasis on sixth year studies. Our results are always good, sometimes they are very good," he said.

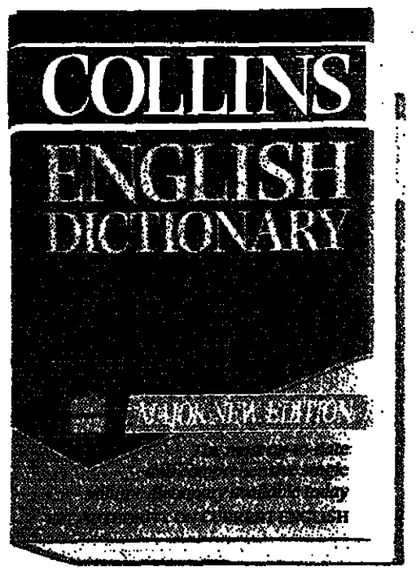
The headmaster said one important factor in achieving good results was to expect the pupils to do well. "At Mearns Castle we have high expectations, and I think that makes a difference."

Mr Climie said that not all of his pupils come from middle class backgrounds, but he said the school had low truancy levels and strong parental involvement.

"The parents are happy to let the school get on with it but they do get involved and they are keen to know how the pupils are doing," he said.

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Judicial wrangle piles pressure on South Africa talks

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

ARGUMENTS over who should appoint judges to the constitutional court in the new South Africa look likely to ensure that another deadline for the end of negotiations will be missed.

In addition, vital clauses of the new constitution will not be agreed in time for a summit meeting tomorrow of the 21 organisations still taking part in the talks.

The summit plenary session, which will include both President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, was expected to endorse a fully worked-out constitution for the country under which next year's non-racial general elections would be held. Despite the delays, negotiators at the World Trade Centre, near Johannesburg, have decided to go ahead with the summit.

The planning committee, which consists of delegates from the six most significant organisations, decided that the political leaders' meeting would adopt only a "political package" and not refined technical documents. Committee members said they expected the negotiating council to meet again on Thursday and Friday to finalise details.

Since those technical points comprise many of the most important and disputed clauses of the new constitution, even that scenario may be too hopeful. The negotiators, however, are now bumping up against the next stage in the process, next Monday's summoning of the apartheid tri-cameral parliament in Cape Town for the last time, to pass the agreed constitution into law.

Outstanding constitutional issues include finding agreement on a deadlock-breaking mechanism for writing a final constitution. This was essentially the rock on which the Convention for a Democratic South Africa, the predecessor of these talks, foundered last year. Other issues include the percentage vote by which the multi-party cabinet will take its decisions in a government of national unity, the extent of the freedom that provincial legislatures will have to write their own constitutions, and the extent of regional control of the police force.

Certain clauses in the bill of fundamental human rights also remain to be settled, as well as less important matters such as the national anthem and the national flag. Even the official language question awaits a final solution.

Yesterday's debate on the constitutional court led to angry words, with Tony Leon, a Democratic Party spokesman, at one point threatening to pull his party out of the talks altogether unless the negotiators agreed to subject judicial appointments to a commission. "Politicians should not appoint judges," Mr Leon said.

Declaring that this meant a perpetuation of the apartheid judiciary, Dullah Omar, of the ANC, insisted: "Law and justice is not meant for lawyers and it is not meant for judges. It is meant for the people."

Outside the talks, tempers were also short. Mr Mandela, who is on an electioneering tour of Natal, accused President de Klerk of being "a lame duck president" and of not caring about black lives. He said that after the April election Mr de Klerk would no longer have any role to play.

Johannesburg: A Supreme Court judge in Bisho, Ciskei, yesterday ruled that Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, 41, the military dictator of Ciskei, must stand trial for murder, saying that no man is above the law. He is accused of killing Major General Charles Sebe, the former security chief and brother of Lennox Sebe, the president he overthrew, during an alleged coup attempt in January 1991. He has been arguing that, like the king of England, he may not be prosecuted for actions taken in his official capacity.

China rewards Kohl's visit with contracts



Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, centre, reviewing an honour guard yesterday with Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, in Peking's Great Hall of the People at the beginning of a six-day visit to China. Mr Kohl has been accompanied by a large group of German businessmen, and the visit is expected to result in a number of major contracts for German firms (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Diplomats in Peking say China may use the trip to award a £277 million deal for an underground railway in Guangzhou to a German consortium led by Siemens AG. Mr Kohl, making his first visit to China since its bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in 1989, will tour Peking, Shanghai and Guangzhou. He held two and a half hours of talks with Mr Li, yesterday, during which the two leaders proclaimed themselves happy that Sino-German links were "back on the track to normal development." Wu Jianmin, foreign ministry spokesman, told reporters.

Bonn joined other Western capitals in denouncing the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown but has played its cards carefully since China began its latest round of high-speed growth in 1992. Germany has kept its profile low and concentrated on business while other Western countries have found their links bedevilled by political problems. German and Chinese officials said more than 12 agreements will be signed during the visit, including major deals for the Chinese purchase of more Airbus aircraft and German power stations and railway wagons.

Herr Kohl repeated Bonn's pledge not to establish official links with Taiwan or to sell it weapons. Mr Wu said Mr Li welcomed this position as "an important foundation which makes the development of bilateral relations possible and sustainable".

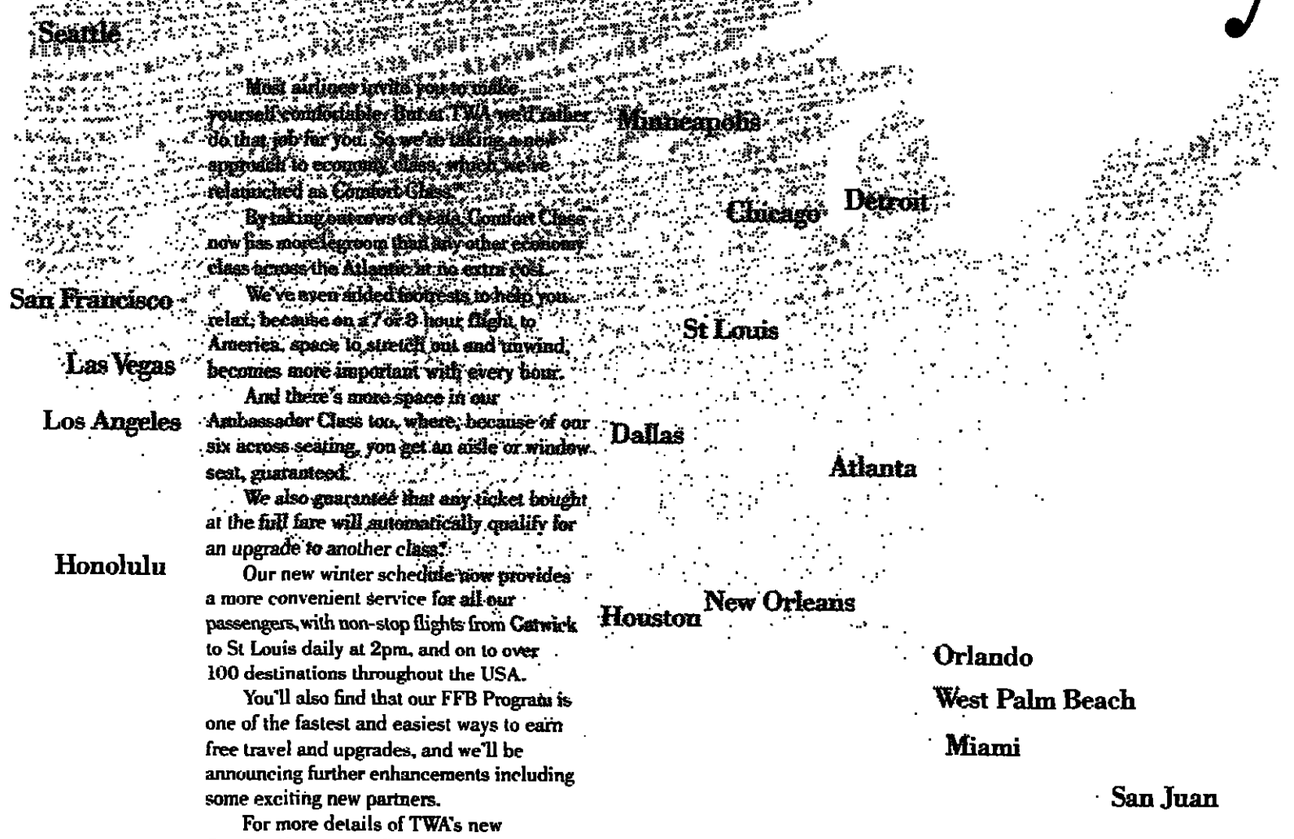
The Taiwanese, meanwhile, have begun taking delivery from the United States of 68 attack and observation helicopters worth $1.2 billion (£800 million). The island has bought 42 Cobra gunships, armed with machineguns and rockets, and 26 OH58D scout helicopters. Taiwan says it is modernising its military to keep pace with China.

In Bangkok, Deng Pufang, the eldest son of Deng Xiaoping, the senior Chinese statesman, said his father, who is 89, is in excellent health and takes a daily walk. "My father's health is superb," Deng Pufang told a news conference in the Thai capital Bangkok. "He is a strong man who performs daily exercise by walking and playing bridge. His bridge talent is at the world-champion level." Mr Deng still monitors the political situation but spends most of his daily life in retirement as a normal citizen, said Deng Pufang, who is in Thailand with his China Disabled Persons' Federation and China Disabled People's Performing Art Troupe, which will stage shows in two cities to raise funds for the disabled. He is in a wheelchair because of injuries he sustained when he was attacked by Red Guards during the Cultural Revolution.

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Britain strengthens Indian links

Hurd signs extradition deal to curb Sikh activists

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, signed an extradition treaty with India yesterday, designed primarily to curb the activities of Sikh terrorists in Britain. It follows earlier measures to stem the flow of funds from Britain to Punjabi separatists.

The accord is another sign of increasing involvement between the two countries following the collapse of the Soviet Union. India's main ally, and Delhi's decision to open its economy to foreign investors. The British government believes India offers vast potential for investment.

Mr Hurd will travel to Bombay today where a team of British businessmen is on board the royal yacht *Britannia* for Indo-British week, involving the highest-powered business delegation to visit India. Several important investments and joint projects are likely to be announced.

The foreign secretary held talks with senior ministers yesterday and last night met P. V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister. Kashmir was high on the agenda. Mr Hurd was forthright on alleged human rights abuses by security forces and welcomed the creation of a national human rights commission to investigate alleged abuses.

Some Indian observers have described the commission as a government front organisation designed to cover up alleged atrocities. India is being urged by Britain and other countries to allow international human rights groups to visit the valley, but Delhi will not allow outsiders to interfere in its internal affairs.

Mr Hurd, at the India International Centre in Delhi last night, dismissed as "futile" a debate on whether the accession of Kashmir into India in 1947 was meant to be a final decision or a temporary arrangement. "I do not think reality is assisted by legal arguments or extraneous debating points," he said.

Robin Raphael, the American assistant secretary of state for South Asian affairs, caused uproar recently by suggesting the accession was intended to be temporary and that Kashmir could not be regarded as permanently part of India.

Mr Hurd said Pakistan had been told by Britain many times that it should stop providing weapons to Kashmiri separatists in India. British Foreign Office officials say the flow of guns across the border "reduces and then resumes" and it was difficult to assess at any particular time how many weapons were being smuggled across. A senior official said that since coming to power last month Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani prime minister, had been informally asked by Britain to intervene to stop the supplies.

☐ **Srinagar:** Indian forces killed 12 militants yesterday as they tried to enter Jammu and Kashmir state from Pakistan, the military said. The shooting occurred in Kargil, 125 miles west of Srinagar. *(AP)*



Captain Cook proclaiming New South Wales a British possession at Botany Bay in 1770. His claim discounted the Aboriginal Australians

Keating sets up land tribunal

FROM MICHAEL PESCHARDT IN SYDNEY

PAUL Keating, Australia's iconoclastic prime minister, yesterday overturned the long-held myth cherished by generations of white Australians that the country was a *terra nullius* (unclaimed land) when the first white settlers arrived at the end of the 18th century.

The rights of the Aborigines, first encountered when Captain James Cook landed at Botany Bay in 1770, are finally to be recognised. Mr Keating has announced the establishment of a tribunal to adjudicate Aboriginal land claims.

The importance given to the issue was underlined by Mr Keating's appearance on national television to make the announcement. The decision to establish the tribunal was prompted by a High Court ruling last year in a case involving Eddie Mabo, an Aboriginal activist, which granted Aborigines the right to claim title to areas where a close association with the land had been retained to the present day.

"There is an opportunity to right an historic wrong," Mr Keating said. "We can make it clear that this modern, free and tolerant Australia can be a secure and bountiful place for all, including the first Australians."

Until the Mabo case, Australian law had regarded the continent before white settlement as unclaimed land, and thus the arrivals were legally entitled to carve up the country regardless of its inhabitants.

"We have no need, or any use, for guilt," Mr Keating said. "This generation cannot be held responsible for the past, but we owe it to Aboriginal Australians — all Australians — and future generations to acknowledge native title."

The labour government is now clearly committed to a review of land ownership, and has acknowledged that some kind of redistribution is an essential ingredient in any national reconciliation with the Aboriginal community. Mr Keating also assured white Australians that anybody who owns a home, farm or mine need have no fear about security of tenure. "Native title will probably affect only vacant crown land in isolated areas," he said. The legislation is expected to be submitted to parliament today.

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Owen claims UN presence may prolong Bosnian war

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

LORD Owen yesterday suggested that the international community might be doing more harm than good in Bosnia.

"If you left, and people settled it themselves, they might perhaps find some compromise," said the European Union's peace negotiator. "We are feeding the warriors. We are interfering in the dynamics of war."

Ultimately, he suggested, that might serve to prolong a conflict where the protagonists had achieved their main territorial ambitions and the war had become "a battle for small elements".

Lord Owen was speaking to businessmen at the Confederation of British Industry conference in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Winter would bring additional hardship for people in Bosnia, he added, and the authority of United Nations peacekeepers was being eroded as the conflict dragged on. As Lord Owen spoke, leaders of Bosnia's warring factions were invited to a meeting with UN aid chiefs in Geneva on Thursday, to discuss relief operations for the winter.

Ron Redmond of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and General Ratko Mladic, Bosnian Serb army chief, had accepted the invitation. It was not known whether Alija Izetbegovic, the Muslim leader and Bosnian president or Mate Boban, the Bosnian Croat leader, would attend.

"The reason for this meeting is that we're greatly concerned about the approaching winter in the absence of peace, and it's increasingly essential that humanitarian supplies, including winter material, get through," Mr Redmond said. The UN is also expected to ask for firm security guarantees for its convoys in central Bosnia, suspended after the killing of a Danish lorry driver last month.

☐ *Vitez: Up to 100 Canadian* and Danish UN soldiers yesterday secured the perimeters of the psychiatric hospitals in Fojnica and Bakovici, as fighting between Croat and Muslim forces continued in the area (Anthony Loyd writes). There is still no sign of the hospital staff who fled Fojnica last week.

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ROBIN MAYES



Croat soldiers keeping an eye on Serb troops across a few hundred yards of no man's land from one of a network of frontline trenches near Zadar, on the Krajina border

Dispossessed Croats lose patience with Krajina stalemate

FROM SIMON DRING IN GOSPIC, CROATIA

TWO years after the Serbs took over her village, Ivanka Vojvodic still does not know if her parents are dead or alive. Like thousands of other Croats driven from their homes when the Serbs occupied the Krajina region, Ivanka, 28, can only pray for their safety.

As another winter threatens and the autumn mists close in on the forbidding mountains and remote rocky plateaux of southeastern Croatia, the people here are remembering the dead and missing along a frontline of towns and villages. With many of the cemeteries and churches in this staunchly Catholic area still under the threat of Serbian guns, religious festivals such as All Saints' Day can only be marked at times that are safe rather than set.

Life in the shattered town of Gospic, its population shrunk from 10,000 to 6,000, with 700 killed or wounded, is overshadowed by shelling and sniping, food shortages and power cuts. Nearly every building has been damaged and only a handful of shops are open.

Serbs seized the Krajina region in late 1991, in effect occupying about one-third of Croatia and, by cutting nearly all north-south road and rail links, crippling its economy. A ceasefire devised by Cyrus Vance, the former American Secretary of State, brought in United Nations troops, but little has been achieved in terms of reasserting Croat control over its territory.

In a stalemate of fixed frontlines, soldiers and volunteer local militia in networks of trenches peer at each other across a few hundred yards of no-man's-land — a UN-monitored stand-off that stretches from Zagreb to Split, about 250 miles south. It is a conflict in which a Croat can find themselves looking across the fields of their village to the house where they grew up but which is now held by Serbs from the same village.

Most people in Gospic say they feel like pawns in a waiting game being played by the politicians in Zagreb and Belgrade. "It's a nothing time of neither war nor peace," says Nikica, 27, a soldier who was born in Gospic. "Most of us just want to get on and do something about taking our land back. This is no life."

There are increasing signs that the conflict's paralysing effect on the economy and mounting frustration along the frontlines and in Zagreb have brought another, perhaps more decisive, round in the fighting a step closer. The UN talks of "clear signs of war" and reports increased mobilisation and troop movements on both sides. Certainly Gospic and Zadar, to the south, have seen more troop activity over the past three weeks and UN sources report that Serb forces are still well-supplied.

The first snows are expected by the end of November. President Tudjman of Croatia has given the Serbs two weeks to agree a truce, and the UN until November 30 to show some signs of helping to reassert Croatian authority over Krajina.

Apocalyptic delay stirs up earthly trouble in Ukraine

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

THE end of the world, prophesied by Ukraine's Great White Brotherhood cult for last Sunday, did not come to pass, but the cult's activities have wreaked social and political havoc in the troubled republic and worsened its touchy relations with Russia.

With the sect's leaders, Marina Tsvygun and her husband Yuri Krivonogov, safely behind bars and followers bundled briskly off the streets of Kiev by police and security forces, life in the city is returning to normal. The two have been charged with the catch-all Soviet-era crime of hooliganism.

But the sinister farce of the past few days has compounded the misery in a country struggling unsuccessfully to define its nationhood and reform its sclerotic economic and political structures.

Inflation has reached 70 per cent a month and there are severe food shortages. President Kravchuk, however, has refused to entertain radical reform measures of the sort instituted by Russia saying they would have a dangerously divisive effect on Ukrainian society. Divided and quarrelsome political parties have rushed to interpret the cult's success as a symptom of post-Communist malaise.

Senior Ukrainain police officials have made unsubstantiated claims that the brotherhood is funded by the Russian military-industrial complex. There have also been widespread calls for tightening security at the frontier despite the fact that Ukraine has already introduced a costly visa system for Russians.

With the Day of Judgment now indefinitely postponed, Kiev is using the aftermath of occult hysteria for earthly purposes. Arguments over the origins and aims of the cult have become a cover for wrangles with Russia over the future of the Black Sea fleet, the Crimea and oil tariffs.

The fact that Mrs Tsvygun delivered her prophecies in Russian — she is of Bulgarian extraction and speaks little Ukrainian — has compounded the paranoid suspicions that behind the brotherhood lies an attempt to destabilise the republic.

Nervous, impoverished and fearful for its future independent of Moscow's reign, Ukraine remains stubbornly blind to the fact that its own authorities' handling of the



Kravchuk: reluctant to bring in radical reforms

"end of the world" provided ample evidence of the need for change. Police tactics were a mixture of heavy-handedness and incompetence familiar from the Communist era.

☐ **Crime control:** New rules requiring visitors from former Soviet republics to register with Moscow police and pay daily fees have been introduced in the capital's latest effort to control crime. Many Muscovites blame people from the "near abroad", as the former republics are called, for increasing crime in the capital. *(AP)*

Greying Germans burden Kohl's coffers

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

Scarcely a day goes by in Bonn without an aggressive old-age pensioner ringing on the doorbell and asking to mow the lawn, offering a cut-price newspaper subscription, a raffle ticket or an encyclopaedia. This is part of the greying of Germany, a demographic imbalance that is causing havoc with all the comfortable assumptions about the social welfare state.

By 2000, nearly one quarter of the German population will be aged over 60, compared with 20 per cent today. By 2030, elderly people will account for 40 per cent of the population. That is putting a real strain on the politicians and social planners.

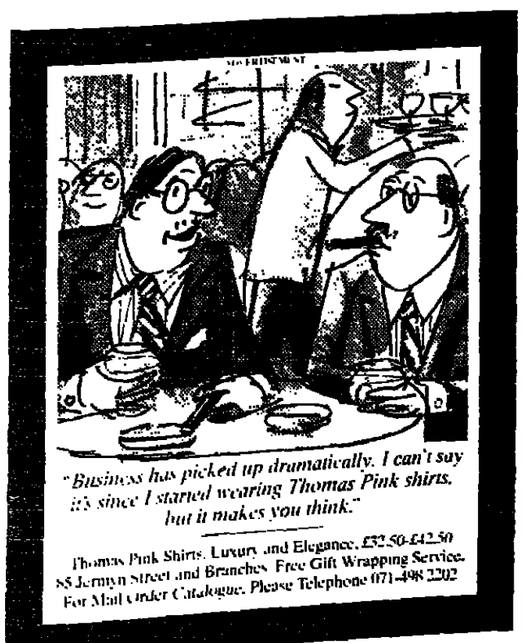
Norbert Blüm, the labour minister, has had to go on record to reassure the aged that their pensions will be secured at least until 2010 — any commitment short of that would have been electoral suicide. Other politicians who have dared to question Herr Blüm's confidence have been quickly sat on.

Friedhelm Ost, the Christian Democratic economic expert, was written off by a colleague as a "wild man" when he suggested that Germans might have to work until the age of 70. But unless there is radical pension reform, says Dr Winfried Schmähl, a Bremen economist, then by 2030 workers will have to pay social contributions amounting to 36 per cent of their salaries to cover care of the elderly. While this problem faces all European societies, none is reeling quite as badly as Germany.

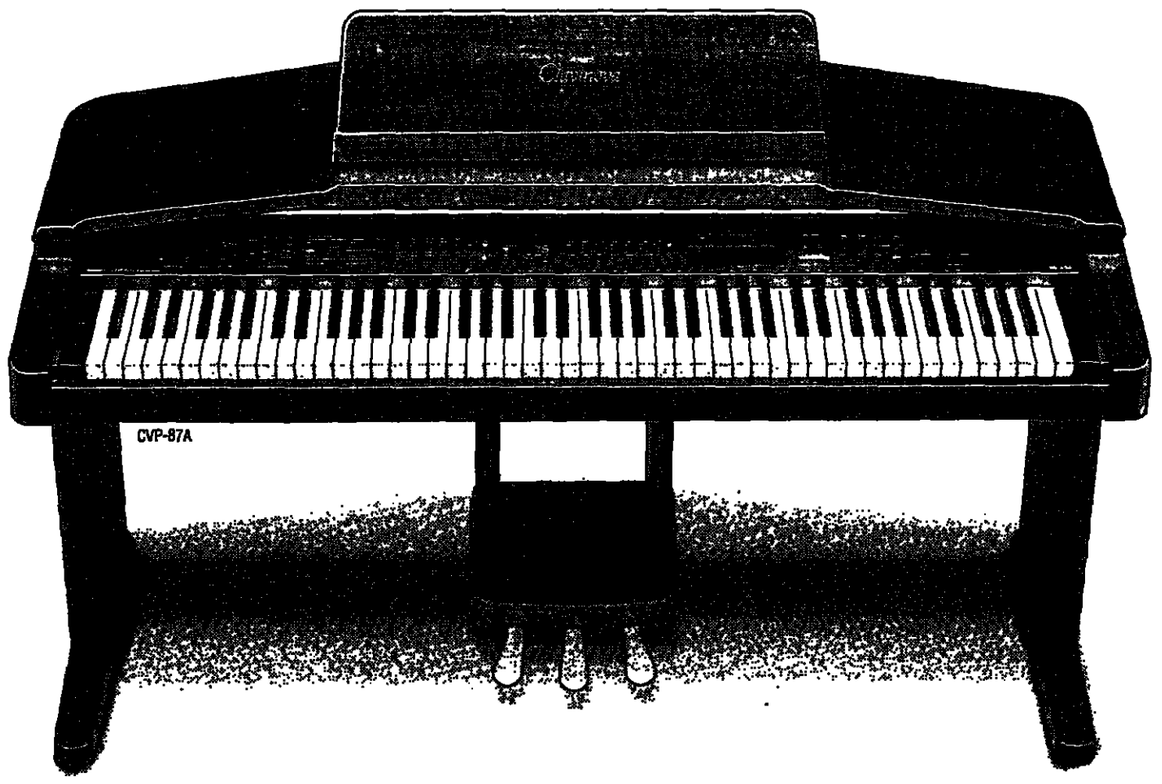
The demographic crisis has been aggravated by the recession. By far the easiest way of cutting labour costs is to phase out workers in their fifties. Thousands of postal and rail workers have been sent into early retirement, and are paid almost 90 per cent of their wages until they reach the official pensionable age.

The advertising industry is already adjusting to the rapid ageing of Germany. Consumption charts show that, although old people spend less on compact discs and fast cars, they do devote about 22 per cent of their income to food and drink, 9 per cent to entertainment and 8 per cent to clothes. German magazines are beginning to catch on to this trend and feature increasing numbers of old people in their advertisements.

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, describes the country as a leisure park in which most people sit around watching a few work. So there are hard decisions to be made to produce the kind of income that will be needed to pay for the older generation.



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Students protest in Paris over poor college conditions

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

■ The student rallies are stirring memories of 1968 for the French prime minister who is concerned that if history repeats itself the Gaullists could face havoc

SEVERAL thousand students and lecturers marched from the Sorbonne through the Left Bank yesterday in a day of national protests against overcrowding and poor facilities in French universities.

Although the Paris *manif* (demonstration) was fairly orderly and the cause limited by the utopian standards of May 1968, the sight of students and CRS riot police confronting one-another on the Boulevard St Michel sent a frisson through the government of Edouard Balladur. The prime minister is worried that deep recession and acute unemployment could spark a social explosion of the kind that has periodically punctuated French history.

Emboldened by the government's surrender to the Air France workers last month, transport and other workers in the public sector are planning a day of strikes on Thursday.

The student protests, which have included demonstrations by tens of thousands in Marseilles, Bordeaux, Nantes and other centres, alarm M Balladur's Gaullist team because university turmoil triggered the 1969 downfall of President De Gaulle and scuppered the presidential chances of Jacques Chirac, the party leader and then prime minister, in 1986. "They are obsessed by these precedents," *Le Monde* said yesterday.

François Fillon, the young Gaullist minister of higher education who is the target of the student wrath, said yesterday that he could not understand what the fuss was about because no controversial reforms were under way.

The protests, timed to coincide with debate in parliament on the education budget, were the biggest since the mid-1980s. Although only a quarter of this year's students consider themselves left-wing, according to polls, frustration over conditions and anguish over unemployment is driving them to follow the two Socialist and Communist student unions, which yesterday joined forces for the first time since 1971.

Facilities have lagged far behind student numbers, which have risen by a third to two million in the past four years. In 1968, there were only 320,000 students, but nowadays one in every two school-leavers enrols at a university. Grants have been whittled down and students in even the most prestigious institutions are often forced to queue for a place on the floor in packed and dilapidated lecture theatres.

"Fear of unemployment was preventing the expression of discontent," Philippe Campinchi, the leader of the Socialist UNEF union, said. "Now, the retreat imposed on the government by the Air France workers is feeding a new kind of combativeness."

M Fillon, a follower of Philippe Séguin, the dissident Gaullist, blamed Communist agitators for sending the students into the streets. The claim was derided by many protesters but commentators were in no doubt that President Mitterrand and his defeated Socialists are poised to capitalise on any movement that could be interpreted as a revolt against the Gaullists.

M Fillon's ministry is particularly alarmed over a craze among this year's students for the human sciences and the arts, rather than shorter courses in technical subjects that are more suited to the job market. "They figure that since a technical diploma is going to land them in the dole queue anyway, they might as well stay longer and spend the time 'finding themselves'," a Paris lecturer said.

French sisters take fast track to fundraising



Sister Emmanuelle of the Hospice St Césaire, Arles, with a Ferrari F40, one of two Ferrari's which were auctioned on Sunday, raising 2,380,000 francs (£264,443) for a hospice that cares for the elderly (Susan Bell writes). The cars were the property of Lucien Guintoli, a recently deceased local millionaire whose will directed that they be auctioned and the proceeds raised donated to the hospice, a retirement home managed by the nuns. Three thousand people attended the auction in Arles' Théatre Antique. The Ferrari was sold for 680,000 francs to an anonymous buyer bidding by telephone from the Lozère. The other car, a Ferrari Testarossa, was snapped up by the local Ferrari representative and raised 1,700,000 francs. The new owners, however, will have to face a crackdown on speeding which the government intends to introduce following a motorway pile-up in which 15 people were killed and 49 were injured last week.

Bernard Bosson, the transport minister, said he did not foresee lowering road speed limits but planned to punish "really excessive" speeding. "We kill more people on our roads than anyone else," M Bosson said, calling on the French people to drive at more reasonable speeds. There are estimated to be twice as many road deaths in France than in Britain and 1.5 times as many as in Germany. M Bosson said that between Thursday's accident and Sunday, 100 more people died on French roads. "We have a national problem," he said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Swedes a step closer to Danish land link

Stockholm: Sweden made another step towards the first permanent road and rail link between Scandinavia and continental Europe yesterday when an environmental court conditionally approved a ten-mile bridge and tunnel project linking Sweden to Denmark, paving the way for a final Swedish government decision.

Ingvar Erlandsson, of the Water Tribunal, said the jury gave a non-binding "yes" to the project, provided it did not lead to any changes in water flows and sediment movement would be limited. Environmental criticism has focused on the impact of sediment from the 264.9 million cubic feet of earth needed to create an artificial peninsula in the link across the Oresund.

The parliaments of both countries have already approved the project. *(Reuter)*

Uprising threat

Berlin: A proposal by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to close the files of the East German secret police, containing collaborators' names, could lead to an uprising in the East by anti-communists, said Steffan Heitman, justice minister for Saxony and Herr Kohl's candidate for the presidency. "We Germans from the east lived for 40 years under communism," he said. *(AFP)*

Belgian protest

Brussels: Much of Belgian industry was paralysed by a 24-hour strike in protest against the government's proposed austerity measures. The stoppage also brought public transport to a standstill. Jean-Luc Dehaene, the prime minister, said the government would press on regardless with its social plan, which cuts social benefits to reduce Belgium's budget deficit. *(Reuter)*

Cresson book stirs misogynist debate

BY CHARLES BREMNER

WHILE Baroness Thatcher has been busy promoting the French version of her book, her efforts have been eclipsed by a local exercise in political vengeance, conducted by Edith Cresson, the prime minister who was sacked after less than a year's tenure in 1992.

After keeping silent for 18 months, Mme Cresson has struck at what she sees as her betrayal by President Mitterrand and her fellow Socialists, and her humiliation at the hands of a political and media class bent on punishing her just because she was a woman. Unlike the Thatcher version, Mme Cresson's revenge, which has sparked



Cresson: expiatory victim of moribund socialism

fierce sexual skirmishing among the political classes, comes in a book written by a friendly woman journalist.

As well as unleashing a new bout of back-stabbing, it has fuelled a debate ignited earlier this month when Michel Rocard, the new Socialist leader and former prime minister, announced that women would be given half the party's seats in next year's elections to the European parliament. Women have never fared well in the very male world of French party politics. Only three are ministers in the Gaullist-led government, two of them junior, and women account for only 6 per cent of MPs, the lowest figure in a large Western country.

Some senior Socialists have privately voiced anger at M Rocard's scheme and some pundits are gleefully warning that it will backfire. A poll this week showed misgivings among women, 77 per cent of whom said candidates should not be chosen simply because they are female.

Women scored one success at the weekend when Dominique Voynet, 34, ousted Antoine Waechter as leader of Les Verts, the ecology party which was nearly wiped out in the general elections last March. Les Verts are the only group that systematically divides posts among the sexes.

In *La Femme Piegée* (The Trapped Woman), Elisabeth Schemla, the chronicler of Mme Cresson's ten months in office, conveys her subject's conviction that she was set up for a fall by M Mitterrand, who appointed her in May 1991 to replace M Rocard, then "sacrificed" and hounded from power "like a witch".

The macho political fraternity was aghast that the president had not only appointed a woman but one who was attractive and personally close to M Mitterrand. They set out to wreck her chances, says the book, and seized on her every mistake to cover her in ridicule. "Edith Cresson emerges as the expiatory victim of moribund socialism and perennial misogyny," says Mme Schemla.

In response, Mme Cresson's targets have unsheathed their knives. Jean-Marie Colombani, editor of *Le Monde*, said she had been promoted out of her depth and only had herself to blame.

Franz-Olivier Giesbert, *Le Figaro*'s editor, opted for a defence which damned him in the eyes of feminists. Far from being unfair to France's first female prime minister, he said, his newspaper had tried to be kind to her precisely because she was a woman.

Corleone godfather dies in jail

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

LUCIANO Liggio, the former *Capo dei Capi* (boss of bosses) of the Sicilian Mafia, died of an apparent heart attack yesterday, taking to the grave his secrets about ties between the Cosa Nostra and the political establishment.

Liggio, the ferocious godfather of the Corleonesi clan until his arrest in 1974, collapsed on his bed in his cell at the Badu e Carros maximum security prison in Sardinia. He was serving a life sentence for the 1958 murder of the previous kingpin of the town of Corleone, Michele Navarra. Liggio, 68, died while being taken to hospital.

A judicial enquiry was opened into his death though doctors said they had no doubt that he died from a heart attack. He had been suffering serious cardiac problems.

Under his reign his crime family, from the village in the Sicilian hinterland where much of the *Godfather* films were set, took over control of the underworld in Palermo, the Sicilian capital, and made the decision to move into the multi-million pound transatlantic heroin smuggling racket — a line of crime shunned by old-style "men of honour".

Liggio (whose real name was Leggio) was linked closely to politicians. His death means the disappearance of a key witness in the investigation into allegations by supergrasses that Giulio Andreotti, the former prime minister, was the protector of the Mafia in Rome. The cigar-chomping don also claimed in 1986 that he had been approached in 1970 by right-wing extremists led by Valerio Borghese, the fascist prince who wanted to enlist the Mafia's help for an unsuccessful coup attempt in 1970.

He once remarked that "Italy ought to be grateful to me because I saved it from dictatorship".

He was born in Corleone in 1925, the son of a peasant who hoped he would become a priest. He was first arrested by a security guard in 1944 for stealing corn. The watchman was murdered the following year and Liggio disappeared. One of his most notorious crimes was the 1948 abduction and murder of a Corleone trade unionist.

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Nafta waverers hit the jackpot in White House bazaar



Gephardt: treaty would hit American workers

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ *Undecided congressmen can virtually name their price for supporting President Clinton as the battle for their votes reaches tomorrow's frantic climax*

THE battle for the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) moved towards a frantic climax yesterday as congressmen returned to Washington for tomorrow night's key vote.

Opponents of the plan to create the world's largest free trade zone with Canada and Mexico remained adamant that they had the 218 House votes required to defeat Nafta. The Clinton administration, heartened by a steady dribble of new converts, insisted it was "within striking distance" of that number. An Associated Press survey showed 205 congressmen certain or likely to vote against, 181 for and 48 still undecided — and those 48 have been stunned by the pressure put on them.

The White House admitted its lobbying effort was now "all-consuming", and both sides employed increasing hyperbole to press their case. Al Gore, the vice-president, and other top officials claim Nafta's defeat would be "catastrophic" for Mr Clinton's presidency and American foreign policy. The world would "think we're nuts, wackos," Lee Iacocca, the former Chrysler chairman and administration ally, said.

Richard Gephardt and David Bonier, two Democratic congressional leaders spearheading the opposition, said Nafta's passage would be a blow to American workers. Ross Perot, the former presidential candidate, accused the administration of a "criminal" attempt to buy congressmen's votes with millions of dollars in taxpayers' money.

The administration is certainly engaged in one of the most intense lobbying efforts in recent congressional history, and Mr Clinton's portrayal as "Nafta Claus" by the agreement's foes is not unwarranted — the White House has begun to resemble a bazaar in which congressmen can virtually name their price. Some have demanded as little as a presidential photo opportunity or a visit by Hillary Clinton. The most expensive to date were Democrats Estaban Torres and Ed Pastor, converted by the promise of a $225 million (£147 million) North American Development Bank to help workers hit by Nafta.

"Free trade" agreement or not, the administration has negotiated special last-minute protections with Mexico for Florida's citrus, sugar and vegetable growers in an largely unsuccessful attempt to court Florida's 23 congressmen. To woo others it has pledged to negotiate concessions for American producers even of broomcorns — the thin straw bristles largely replaced by plastic in brooms.

The administration has agreed to phase out an international airline tax at the request of an Illinois congressman. North Carolina and Tennessee congressmen have been offered two American Airline routes from their states to London. Two additional C17 cargo planes are to be built in the Dallas district of another wavering congresswoman and two San Diego congressmen were reportedly offered a new sewerage system.

A Virginia congressman gave his support after the White House promised to consider putting a new National Institute of Standards and Technology in his district. "Someone told me I could get a bridge built in my district, but I have no water here," David Levy, a New York Republican, joked.

Mr Clinton has personally lobbied at least 150 congressmen. He played golf on Sunday with waverers, and that night invited 50 of them and their spouses to dinner. He has even promised to defend pro-Nafta Republicans in next year's congressional elections.

Three cabinet-level officials spent hours testifying before an obscure congressional subcommittee because it was chaired by an undecided Democrat. Not all the lobbying is so open, however. The administration has been quietly urging businessmen to put pressure on congressmen whose campaigns they finance, and a few Democrats have received not very subtle warnings that they might be challenged by other Democrats next year.

As many as ten "tobacco state" congressmen are testing the limits of Mr Clinton's largesse, offering to back the president if he cuts the cigarette tax, currently 55 cents a pack, underpinning his health-care reform plan. But that is one deal he has firmly resisted. So far.

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UK pictures cast Iraq troops as destroyers

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, AND BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN published photographic evidence yesterday which it said suggested some villages in the marsh area of southern Iraq had been destroyed by Iraqi troops. The defence ministry published analysis of videos and photographs taken by RAF Tornado jets patrolling the "no-fly" zone in southern Iraq at the end of September which showed four out of six villages destroyed or derelict.

There was no evidence the settlements had been fired on by artillery. The ministry said: "Iraqi ground force units, either burning buildings or using high explosive detonators, are judged to be the likely culprits."

The film and photographs were taken at the same time and in the same region that Iraqi opposition groups say chemical weapons were used against the marsh Arabs who oppose President Saddam Hussein. The film was released by Emma Nicholson, the Conservative MP, as she launched a book on the plight of the marsh Arabs. She produced statements by refugees giving graphic accounts of alleged chemical attacks on villages. According to the refugees, birds fell out of the sky, plants changed colour and wilted and dead bodies turned blue and blistered.

The news came as the United Nations Security Council prepared to review sanctions against Iraq and as UN inspectors visited Iran for talks on chemical weapons and an enquiry into their alleged use by Iraq against marsh Arabs in the south. The UN Special Commission overseeing the destruction of Iraq's mass-scale weapons has already emphasised that progress on lifting the sanctions against Baghdad will depend on its willingness to allow long-term monitoring of its arms industry. The Iraqi team at the UN talks is led by General Amir Mohammed Rashid, head of Iraq's military-industrial authority, and will be joined next week month by Tariq Aziz, the deputy prime minister.

In a surprise move yesterday, Iraq freed Kenneth Beaty, the American oilman jailed in April for illegally entering Iraq from Kuwait. President Saddam ordered his release in response to a request from Senator David Boren and other prominent Americans, the Baghdad regime said.

Although Britain yesterday said it hoped the move had "implications" for the early release of three Britons held in Iraq on illegal entry charges, the brother of one of them was cautious about raising premature hopes. Philip Ride, brother of Paul, who last year was sentenced to seven years in jail, said: "We would sell anyone's soul to get Paul home, but ... he knows Britain is not prepared to do any deals with Iraq."

Mr Beaty, who is in his 50s, is seriously ill with a heart complaint and an ambulance is reported to have been on standby for some time outside the Baghdad prison where he was held. He said: "I have been looking forward to this moment in the past 205 days."

The other Britons are Michael Wainwright, who was last year sentenced to ten years, and Simon Dunn, who was jailed for eight years in June. A Frenchman is also being held on illegal entry charges.



Palestinian scouts marching through Jericho yesterday to mark the fifth anniversary of the declaration of the "independence of the Palestinian state". The occupied West Bank city, with the Gaza Strip, is due to come under limited self-rule next month as part of the Israeli-PLO peace accord

Christopher plans Middle East mission

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

WARREN Christopher, the US Secretary of State, will visit the Middle East early next month on a mission to revitalise Israeli-Syrian negotiations, and to draw Damascus back into the peace process.

According to Israeli and Syrian officials, the American envoy is scheduled to make his third tour of the region this year in the first week of December, on a visit regarded as crucial in advancing a "comprehensive peace" in the Levant.

In what appeared to be an attempt to disrupt the peace process, unidentified gunmen killed Mouin Shabaytah, a leading official of the Fatah faction of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Although nobody immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, the second Fatah official to be shot in less than a week, it was assumed to have been carried out by opponents of the PLO's accord with Israel.

The PLO and Israel, who resumed their dialogue in Cairo yesterday, are supposed to conclude the details of their peace accord by December 13, and a second agreement between Israel and Jordan has been finalised in secret negotiations. However, it is widely accepted that a durable peace in the region is not possible without the support of Damascus, which has suspended its participation in talks with the Israelis.

Syria, which was excluded from the secret negotiations between Israel and the PLO this summer, has not concealed its anger at being marginalised from regional decision-making. Although it has not directly opposed peacemaking efforts, Syria's official media has been critical of the Israeli-Palestinian deal. Damascus has continued to offer sanctuary to radical Palestinian groups opposed to the agreement and has allowed militant Shia Muslim guerrillas to pursue their operations against Israeli controlled areas of southern Lebnanon.

In another incident yesterday, a Jewish settler in the West Bank town of Hebron shot dead one of two Palestinians who had attacked him with axes. The attack, which was claimed by the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, was the latest in a series of incidents in the occupied territories, which have provoked a violent backlash from ultra-nationalist Jewish settlers.

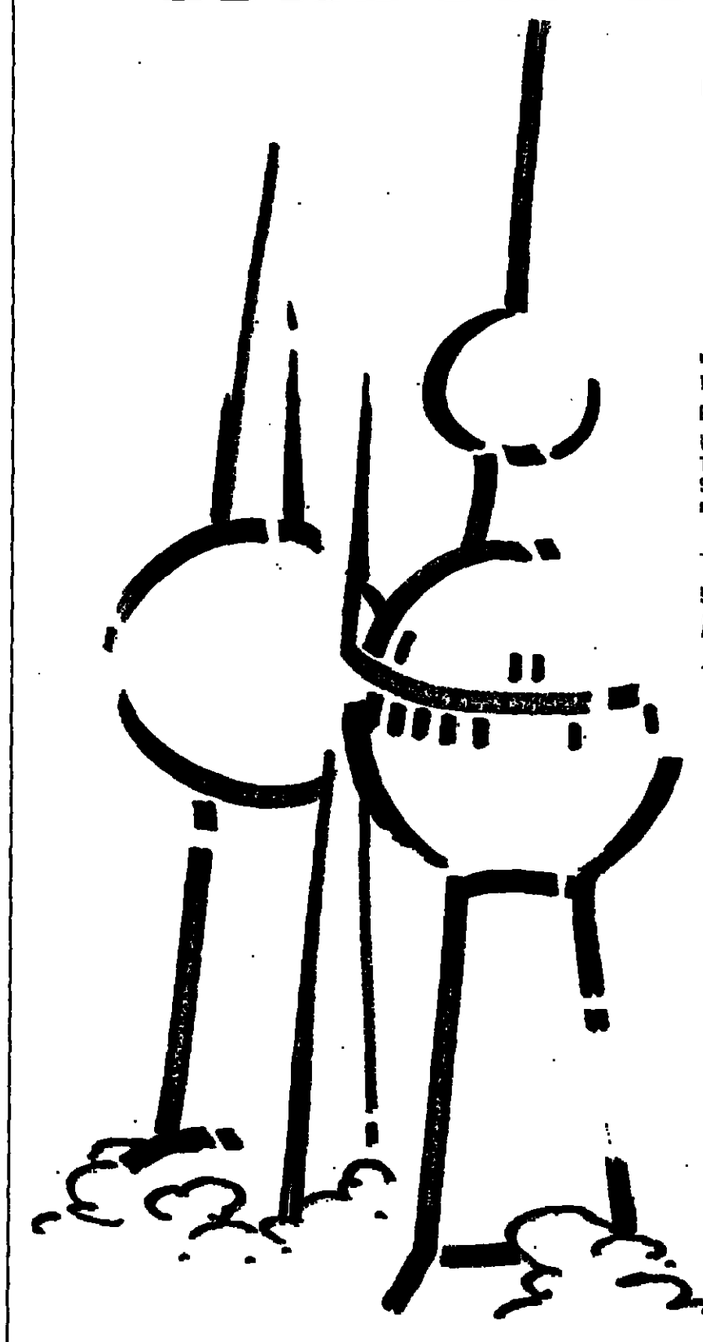
In spite of the violence, Western diplomats believe that President Assad of Syria is ready to resume negotiations with Israel and ultimately to make peace in return for the Golan Heights, the strategic plateau, captured by Israel during the 1967 Six Day War.

An Israeli-Syrian deal would almost certainly guarantee a successful outcome to the Palestinian accord, open the way for a settlement between Israel and Lebanon, and remove any obstacles preventing King Husain of Jordan from making peace.

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Hard-pressed Cubans fly west

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN HAVANA

A small, vintage biplane packed with 13 refugees flew out of Cuba yesterday and landed in a Miami suburb after being intercepted by US Customs.

Their arrival brought the number of Cubans who have fled the island to almost 3,000 this year, including three Cuban air force pilots and thousands who leave by sea on flimsy rafts.

The Cuban economy has suffered greatly since the collapse of the country's trade links with the Soviet bloc in 1990. Bicycles have replaced cars on the streets of Havana because of acute fuel shortages. Public transport has been cut and the few buses that still run are dangerously overcrowded.

Industry has all but ground to a halt as factories close for lack of raw materials. Redundant workers receive two-fifths of their salaries for three months only, which can amount to about only 100 pesos, or £1 at the black market exchange rate. Hospitals lack many medicines and the government has said it does not have enough books and pencils to complete the school year.

Historic buildings in the old city of Havana, left unrepaired for years, are collapsing. Many families who have been forced to evacuate their homes have to live in cramped shelters. Young men and women resort to prostitution to supplement their incomes.

Food rations have been reduced, and consist of a piece of bread per person each day and scant monthly amounts of rice, beans, coffee and sugar. Each family receives a small bottle of cooking oil every three months. Shampoo, toothpaste and toilet soap are almost impossible to obtain.

Increasing numbers of Cubans are risking their lives in desperate escape plans, while others permitted to travel abroad — government officials, businessmen, journalists, athletes, and dancers — seek political asylum in foreign capitals.

So far this year 2,935 Cuban "rafters" have reached Florida, breaking last year's record of 2,557, an influx not seen since the Mariel "boatlift" of 1980. Cuba blames the rafter exodus on a tough American government visa policy that restricts severely the number of Cubans allowed to travel legally to the United States.

Last month Cuban police killed a man who was trying to flee the island on a homemade raft: that provoked small anti-government disturbances in the Havana suburb of Regla. The incidents were the most serious since a series of protests in August during lengthy power blackouts.

The police have deployed an extra 1,225 officers in the city because of a wave of violent crimes — once unheard of in Havana. The growing black market on the island has fuelled economic crimes such as theft of state produce and property.

President Castro has made life easier for a few by introducing some tentative economic reforms, including the legal use of US dollars for the first time. Some families now subsist on dollar remittances sent from exiled relatives in America.

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New York 'Lolita' lover jailed

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE saga of the "Long Island Lolita", which has kept New York in a lather of soap-operatic suspense for 18 months, was finally brought to a close yesterday when Joey Buttafuoco was sentenced to six months in prison for the statutory rape of Amy Fisher, now aged 19.

This lurid tale of revenge and sex in the suburbs first hit the city headlines last spring when Miss Fisher was arrested for the near-fatal shooting of Buttafuoco's wife, Mary Jo. When it transpired that Miss Fisher had been working as a prostitute from her school by carrying an electronic pager, she set moral nerves a-jangle and promptly earned the soubriquet of the "Long Island Lolita".

She claimed that an affair while she was still under age with Mr Buttafuoco, 37, a married mechanic, had led her into a life of immorality. Miss Fisher is currently serving five to 15 years in prison for shooting Mrs Buttafuoco, who was left partially paralysed by the attack, and very angry.

For 16 months, Mr Buttafuoco denied having an affair with the teenager. Threats of a blood test to see if he had given Miss Fisher herpes was enough to persuade him to admit he had had the affair after all.

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He really must get better glasses

Michael Shea, a former press secretary to the Queen and a style expert, describes how John Smith and his friends and foes can sharpen up their public image


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JOHN MAJOR
Occupation: Prime minister
Presence: Politically correct. A neat, perfectly well turned-out tailor dummy look. Not a hair out of place (is it gel-ed?). His large upper lip gives him an over-serious, little boy, "earnest camel" appearance. He also can project a straightforward, honest charm.
Dress sense: Nothing to fault. It has got much better now that his tailors and clothiers have to come to him and have an interest in his wearing their better-looking products. His shirt collars still tend to be of a slightly too mean cut.
Paralanguage: His parenthetical style of speaking is better than his detractors give him credit for. However, he projects weakly and does not sound like a man with strong philosophical principles. His voice is reasonably pitched, but the emphasis and tone lack the gravitas that his position demands.
Content: He has a weak habit of repeating certain words twice in the same sentence. The mimics have warned him off some of his more tiresome repetitions. His content looks as it sounds, as if much of it has been prepared by his advisers and civil servants. It is cautious officialese.
Conclusions: He does need more training in how to put across that he believes in what he preaches. He thinks that by merely raising his voice, he achieves this, but it does not work. It still sounds strangulated and weak, though his conference speech in which he cast aside his teleprompt was his best yet. He needs to use his charm more directly, get better speech-writers, and inject even more drama into what he says, otherwise people will stop listening.



PADDY ASHDOWN
Occupation: Party leader
Presence: More impressive on the box than off it. He knows better than anyone else in politics how he looks and how he comes across on the small screen. He appears cool, calm and boyishly unfluttered. There is a slightly anxious air about him sometimes; his brows knit, as if puzzled, helped by what looks like a dramatic old scar across his forehead. He slits his eyes like the soldier he once was. But he has good eyelock. He uses his hands powerfully to emphasise key points.
Dress sense: Good at choosing shirts, ties and suits, but he takes greater care (naturally) when he is going to be interviewed. In real life he can be less prepossessing.
Paralanguage: Like his predecessors David Owen and David Steel (and why are they all so good at presenting and yet fail to pick up votes?) he is particularly effective in his use of voice-tone, pitch and timing. He is perceived to believe in what he is saying.
Conclusion: One of the best performers on television. Could try to be a bit less serious and worried looking.

LORD OWEN
Occupation: International statesman
Presence: His much-discussed satanic good looks are matched by a clear and dedicated mind. He suffers fools badly, which is no bad thing except that in his case, along with his very short attention span (or boredom threshold), it shows up all too clearly. His laid-back, apparent arrogance, may, according to friends, cloak a shyness, but that is far from apparent, as he appears to have lost all modesty long ago.
Dress sense: Understated. In detail, uncaring.
Paralanguage: He has a sort of languorous drawl in his speech-pattern which can appear casual even though his actual words are ruthless, harsh and to the point.
Content: Knows exactly what he wants to say and says it.
Conclusions: Almost certainly too set in his ways to change.



SIR JOHN HARVEY-JONES
Occupation: Business leader and media personality
Presence: With his long hair and moustache of a different shade, Sir John is, like Richard Branson, an unlikely looking industrialist. But his brisk, flamboyant approach to life — even at 70 — has given him a perceived character that has made him one of the most unexpected and popular new figures in British television, with his *Troubleshooter* series. This is in stark contrast to the hard-man image which he had when he was boss of ICI.
Dress sense: Contrived style: expansive; very colourful ties and jaunty breast-pocket handkerchiefs. These are deliberately chosen to accentuate his already colourful character. It all makes for a highly recognisable package.
Paralanguage: His non-stop commentaries on business life are part and parcel of a very personal image. He is not a great orator, but his wit, sharpness and brisk, no-nonsense approach make him a popular public speaker.
Content: He lards his words, deliberately, with lots of rank-and-file expletives. "Bloody" is one of his most common adjectives, and that too is part of his down-to-earth, man-of-the-people act.
Conclusions: He is a man who has moulded his own public persona. Not someone one would wish to change. He is what he is, and as a communicator he is one of the best.

JOHN SMITH
Occupation: Leader of the Opposition
Presence: Unprepossessing. He is not good at political theatre or the theatre of politics. According to some Labour party critics he is slow and unspectacular in private as well. Ken Livingstone is, however, quoted as saying: "There is the air of preying mantis about him. Or the hunting spider. He's no tortoise. He is quick-witted. He just hides it very well." As he speaks he swings his head and body like a metronome, left to right. He used always to speak with his arms down at his sides as if on parade. Now he does a bit of contrived fist-pounding, but it still looks artificial.
Dress sense: Dull and conformist. But what most impresses first is the size of his spectacles. They even dwarf the expanse of his bald forehead and his great chin, giving him a blinkered look, and more than anything else, "create" the bank clerk impression that the television-viewing public have of him.
Paralanguage: A great cliché-monger. Flat and boring, though he has a pleasant enough voice in private. There is no perceived drama in his oratory which leads to the belief that he (like the prime minister) has no strength of feeling underlying what he says. He is incapable of changing tone sufficiently to match his audience, and is, consequently, much better in small groups or in the House of Commons where his acerbic wit shows through.
Content: Good and clear and cleverly strung together, though see "clichés" above.
Conclusions: Like the prime minister, he lacks what his colleagues call "the vision thing". He must get a more fitting pair of glasses, dare to smile a little, and let his real wit hang out much more. He should go for less "dumpy" suits, and search out new speech-writers.

HILLARY CLINTON
Occupation: First Lady
Presence: I have chosen a transatlantic example because Mrs Clinton's recent image-change has been much written about since her husband stepped into the presidential ring. She starts with one great advantage: she looks much tougher, more sharp and intelligent, and less pleased with herself than her husband. Moving on from Pat Buchanan's description of her as "a lawyer's spouse", she has come, seen and largely conquered. And she has buried the "pain" that her husband has caused her.

She has moved from dowdyish provincialism, long, unkempt, hippie hair and big glasses, to up-market charm-school product in a very short period of time. She benefits from innate good looks, good cheekbones, good confidence. She has taken to contact lenses and lost a stone in weight.
Dress sense: It wasn't there — and simply wasn't bothered about or considered important enough before — "I thought make-up was superficial and silly" — but it certainly is now. Dress sense at the top is largely (particularly in terms of women) a factor of their fashion advisers, and she/they are winning over the most recent examples of First Lady dressing styles. It's helped by her lack of vanity, which has class. Early on in the presidential campaign, she got to grips with her looks, hair and clothes, and, gently and subtly, she changed.
Paralanguage: Yet to be fully developed. But she is competent without being glib.
Content: She has already had lessons in image and impact and in the use of the soundbite. She'll end up better than the president.
Conclusions: She's good in a fix as her outburst over his rumoured infidelities showed: "I'm sittin' here because I love



him, and I honour what he's been through, and what we've been through together, and you know, if that's not enough for people, then, heck, don't vote for him." It stopped the rot of scandal in a way that others on this side of the Atlantic could learn from. There is little image crimpers can teach her about tactics or personal impact skills now.

She is, in the words of *The Washington Post*, "loaded with symbolic cargo". And she has a back-up team that will make it work. She is becoming the almost perfect role model. Her husband never will be.

GEORGE CAREY
Occupation: Archbishop of Canterbury
Presence: Presence is enormously important in a churchman or woman. In contemporary times when faith is weak, churches, if they are to survive, need strong, confident leaders, and to be seen to be resolute in their beliefs. Tradition of dress and language is cast aside only at great risk. Sadly, the present incumbent does not inspire by any of these things. He is a pleasant enough man, but distinction, gravitas and the other intangibles of presence are distinctly lacking. It is not his fault, but the big gap between his front teeth which shows in close-up is a serious distraction.
Dress sense: It has to be a personal opinion, but for one not of his church, his less traditional, rainbow style vestments do not work. They are pantomime rather than dramatic theatre and it would need a more charismatic leader than him to be able to wear them with the authority that is required. His new dress code is not liberalism, but merely drawing the line of convention at a different place. Dress codes can easily be mocked, but they can destroy much more than the fabric of their cloth.
Paralanguage: It is just passable in a churchy sort of way, but the tone and drama are absent.
Content: No comment.
Conclusions: Without demanding fire or passion, blandness should at least be kept to a minimum. The Church of England has, for its reasons, chosen its leader. To many inside and outside that body it has sacrificed serious impact on the altar of trying to be modern. The Archbishop's impact is the less because the man, an honourable and well-meaning figure, carries little weight, has a very slight recognition factor, and projects no drama whatsoever.

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Tree confessions of an axe-murderer

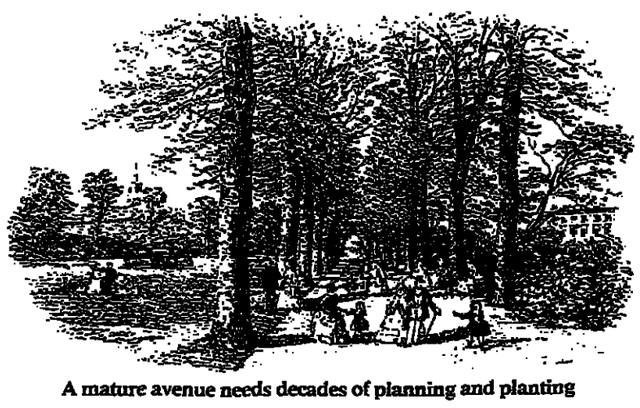
One great plane tree is worth a street full of ornamental cherries and we lose it at our peril

If ever you catch me on my knees on the pavement muttering to a majestic sycamore, please don't have me locked up. And don't eavesdrop either. You might get the wrong end of the twig, overhearing the confessions of an axe-murderer.

I would not expect you to hang around while I rehearsed the mitigating circumstances, explained how the roots of the late and overpoweringly great *Acer pseudoplatanus* were threatening my garden wall and laying waste the lawn and anything that tried to grow under that dense canopy. And I would not expect you to approve the ruse whereby the local authority tree officer was persuaded to my murderous viewpoint (I quoted a gardening book by Anne Scott James, in which she says that only an exceedingly stupid tree officer would insist on preserving a large sycamore in a small garden). No, we are all guilty, the tree officer, Anne Scott James and I.

I knew I had made a mistake as soon as the tree came down and I saw what it had been blotting out. The houses opposite seemed to take a giant step closer, the moss on the lawn grew thicker and a pair of weedy saplings chosen from the Royal Horticultural Society's pamphlet on dinky trees for dinky gardens sprouted a few leaves. So what? Compared with that sycamore they were all ants to a giraffe, and I would probably be dead before they were even grown-up ants.

Now, after reading the report *Trees in Towns*, published last week by the environment department, I feel so guilty that I can't look a tall tree in the trunk without blushing. Murder by gardeners is only part of the problem. I have nothing against gardeners, wonderful people, once had aspirations in that direction myself and so on; but they do spend a lot more time looking down than up, don't they, especially in towns. Down at the weeds, the slugs and their luscious blooms, never up, except to curse the great lime at the end of the garden for blocking out the light, harbouring aphids and for having a preservation order on it.



A mature avenue needs decades of planning and planting

Even murder by acid rain, winter road-salting and the relays of men with machines who mangle a root or two each every time they dig up the road to mend a pipe or lay a cable is not the worst of it. Nor are the ignorant and over-cautious surveyors who condemn any large tree within sight of a cracked building or a small fissure in a pavement. Removing an old tree at the first sign of ground heave often causes worse damage: the earth under the building, formerly sucked dry by a thirsty tree, wets and swells and the building cracks up good and proper.

Worse than all this is the creeping miniaturisation we have been going in for so zealously. As this report and its companion-piece on trees in London show all too clearly, when a grand old oak or plane goes down, we have a ridiculous habit of replacing it with a pygmy: a tubby little hawthorn, or perhaps a trio of birches that ought to have been left in the wild wood.

It looks quite encouraging that 37 per cent of town trees are between ten and 25 years old, and a further 36 per cent are under ten, until you ask yourself what impact those youngsters make on what planners call "the visual amenities". Compared with those more than 100 years old (1 per cent), or those between 50 and 100 (only another 8 per cent) the impact is minimal.

It is not just a matter of leaving the young ones for another half century to grow up. Apart from a fortnight or so in the spring, when will 20 ornamental cherries ever catch the eye and lift the heart like one great plane tree? And as for the stubby conifers now blanketing so many municipal parks, when will they ever be other than heart-sinking?

All is not lost, however, thanks to Baroness Denton, the environment department's minister for trees, who is going to plant avenues of oaks and planes along the main roads into London, and she's going to nag the planners and surveyors and developers everywhere to think big arboreally.

When she visited New Mexico with some "way out ladies" (her words) who hugged trees, she gutsily followed suit. Not like me, kneeling with my guilty conscience. She also plans to recast the wisdom of the Arboricultural Advisory and Information Service in words of one syllable and leaflet all the aforementioned. All power to her spade.

I only hope her influence extends to the reader in Maida Vale who wrote to this newspaper to ask how she might stealthily poison the lime tree that Westminster's tree officers said must be preserved. If the dirty deed has already been done, I advise that reader to plant a large specimen of the silver weeping lime, which aphids dislike, in expiation. Perhaps I'll meet her kneeling on the pavement some day.

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After just a year, the health secretary's exhortations to fitness are becoming tedious. Only time will tell if they do any good

Old message to fit new figures

THE 17th-century French sage, the Duc de la Rochefoucauld, said: "to preserve one's health by too strict a regime is in itself a tedious malady". The Duc didn't have to balance the health service budget: if he had had this impossible task, he might have had some sympathy with the (possibly tedious) campaigns of the health secretary, Virginia Bottomley, to make Britons healthier.

There is a hope that by increasing our fitness, we will in future need less spending on those diseases which are usually associated with sloth, greed and intemperance. Mrs Bottomley's report on the first year of her campaign to improve the nation's health is apparently encouraging: we are growing fitter, even if fatter and sadder.

But time alone will show if the health minister's recent entreaties have had any real influence on our health. The incidence of all the diseases on her hit list — cancer of the lung, cancer of the breast, heart disease and strokes — have decreased in a most satisfactory way between 1986 and 1991.

But the foundations for all these troubles must, by the very nature of their pathology, have been laid long before Mrs Bottomley became minister, let alone started her campaign last year. The changes are probably the result of a greater public awareness of medicine and healthy living, coupled with the inexplicable ebb and flow in the incidences of diseases. The death rate from coronary heart disease, for example, is falling throughout the western world.

The reduction in the death rate in cancer of the breast in women of screening age is particularly pleasing to those who, in the 1970s, had to fight determinedly for a national screening programme, against opposition from the medical establishment, aided and abetted by the health department.



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Mrs Bottomley's support for breast screening has been welcomed by those doctors interested in preventing cancer of the prostate in men by screening. Their case has been met with exactly the same arguments as those advanced 25 years ago to obstruct breast screening. They are now looking forward to the minister's encouragement to help reduce the annual death rate of 8,000 from prostate cancer.

Although attempts to stop women smoking have not been as effective as they have been in men, there has been a fall by 1.2 per cent in the number of cases of cancer of the lung in women. It is also encouraging that women are giving up smoking when pregnant: while a bored 18-year-old living in the inner city may not be prepared to give up smoking because of the risk of ill health in later life, she is more likely to quit in order to have a healthier baby.

Although British people tend to be more obese than they were, it is perhaps in part because fewer do manual work and convenience foods are more readily available. Obesity can lead directly to arthritis, but it is only likely to cause coronary heart disease if also associated with hypertension, diabetes and raised blood cholesterol. Fewer people are now dying from strokes, caused by diseases of the blood vessels of the brain, though the decrease is not as great as it has been in America, where there is a less conservative approach by doctors to the treatment of high blood pressure and arrhythmias of the heartbeat. A British cardiologist commenting on American treatments recently said they had made strokes almost "a disease of the past".

A really disturbing figure is the increase in suicide, up by 4 per cent. It is fashionable to blame this on inadequate treatment of those with affective disorders — "depression" in layman's terms. If the safer but more expensive 5 HT reuptake inhibiters were used more often and the more dangerous older remedies less often, this rate might be reduced. But the fact which is little discussed is that the hardest type of depression to treat is the hopelessness found in the schizophrenic, a hopelessness which can become overwhelming within a matter of hours. If a patient has the advantage of the security provided by a hospital, all may be well, but when living rough or alone, having been driven from their haven by ministerial policy, there is little to support them in a crisis.

About 100 years ago, Sir William Osler, often described as the founder of modern Western medicine, said "patients should have rest, good food, fresh air and exercise; the quadrangle of health".

The message from Mrs Bottomley may well be a good one but it is remarkably similar. The quadrangle of health could be embellished by modern medicine but only if we are prepared to spend money, as well as to listen to, or make, exhortations.

Puffers push Mrs Bottomley off her target

Yesterday's report on the health of the nation showed slow progress towards cutting the risk from cancer, heart disease and suicide, **Jeremy Laurance** reports

Improving the nation's health was never going to be simple. The first year results of the government's strategy are gloomier than expected, confirming how tough the task will be.

In three of the five key areas earmarked for action — deaths from heart disease, cancer and suicide — progress is either non-existent or too slow to meet the targets that have been set. Only on accidents and sexual health have significant advances been made.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, remained determinedly upbeat at the launch of the first progress report yesterday, claiming advances on 16 out of 19 targets. However, in many of these areas, such as lung cancer deaths among men, the trends were already downwards, and must be speeded-up if the targets are to be met.

"Targets are always challenging," said Mrs Bottomley. "The doomladen said we would never reach them. On some we are doing better than expected and in others the targets are tougher than we thought. It is early days."

The most disappointing results concern smoking. Among teenagers, the 33 per cent target reduction by the end of next year is now almost certain to be missed after latest figures show a *rise* in the proportion of school children smoking.

Mrs Bottomley described the problem as "intractable" and highlighted the example of parents as "the most powerful factor". Only 6 per cent of the children of non-smoking parents take up the habit compared with 15 per cent of those whose parents smoke.

Adult smoking rates are also failing to come down as rapidly as hoped. Although the number of cigarettes smoked overall is falling, it is not falling fast enough. More than 90 million cigarettes are still smoked each year compared with the health department target of 59 million by the end of the decade.

> Smoking rates are failing to drop as fast as ministers had hoped

This will require "a substantially faster rate of decline" than has been achieved so far, the report says. "It cannot be assumed that current trends in the reduction of smoking prevalence will necessarily continue, as the smokers that remain may be more dependent on tobacco and therefore find it harder to give up."

Fending off questions about a ban on tobacco advertising, Mrs Bottomley claimed that a number of new steps had been taken to influence smoking which would not yet have had time to influence the figures. These included an increase in the price of cigarettes in the last budget, the full implementation of a new law on illegal sales of tobacco to under-16s and an "enhanced" voluntary agreement on tobacco advertising.

The fall in deaths from heart disease and stroke recorded in the latest figures for 1991 represents a slight slowing of the trend of the last few years. The report notes that "the current rate of progress will need to improve" if the targets of a 30 to 40 per cent reduction by the year 2000 are to be met.

However the factors affecting heart disease, such as a better diet and less smoking, are slow to take effect, so swift improvements in the early years of the strategy are unlikely. But the increase in obesity, which has almost doubled among men to 13 per cent of the population and risen by a quarter among women to 15 per cent since the mid-1980s, suggests that the target may be more challenging than supposed.

Results from the 1991 *Health Survey for England* show why heart disease and stroke are a key area in the strategy. It showed that only 12 per cent of men and 11 per cent of women are free from all of the four major risk factors — smoking, high blood pressure, raised cholesterol and lack of physical activity.

Deaths from breast cancer and cervical cancer are both down but there are shortcomings in their screening programmes.

By the end of 1993, more than 90 per cent of women aged 50 to 69 will have been invited for breast screening. So far, more than 70 per cent have accepted, comfortably exceeding the target. However, the detection rate for small invasive cancers, on which the success of screening depends, "fell short of agreed standards. This is being taken very seriously and is being investigated," the report says.

On cervical screening, the number of women aged 20 to 64 being screened has increased to 8 out of 10, sufficient to ensure that the target 20 per cent reduction in the incidence of the disease is achieved by the year 2000. However, urban regions such as inner London have a lower uptake and there has been little research into the effectiveness of the screening programme, the report says.

A target reduction of 15 per cent in the suicide rate by the end of the decade also looks tougher than it did after a rise of 0.9 per cent in suicides in the year to 1991. GPs are being targeted to help them recognise and treat depression and spot patients at risk of suicide.

A 9 per cent fall in accidental deaths among children represents the biggest single one-year improvement among the targets set for the strategy. Successes were also scored in the area of sexual health. Pregnancies among girls under 16 fell for the first time in ten years, in line with the target 50 per cent reduction by the end of the decade.

The 24 per cent fall in new cases of gonorrhoea, exceeding the 20 per cent target reduction in advance of the 1995 deadline, indicates that "safe sex" campaigns have had the desired effect. "The challenge now is to maintain that behavioural change in the years ahead," the report says.

Dr Kenneth Calman, the government's chief medical officer, said the government's strategy, which cuts across all departments of state and is backed by the first cabinet committee on health, was "revolutionising the way people think about health issues as the debate shifts from how best we can treat disease to how we can prevent it".

If it succeeds, a health authority's performance will be judged as much by the fall in deaths from heart disease as by the number of coronary bypass operations performed. It will move the focus of health care from the process — the treatments doctors provide — to the outcome, the number of lives saved or improved.

The effect will be to shift the medical industry from its central position in health care to become one organisation among many — including government departments, local authorities, schools and employers — with a role to play in improving health.

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Why doesn't the report praise wine and fruit, asks **Nigel Hawkes**

An out-of-date view of diet

The British are getting fatter, but fewer of them are dying of heart disease. Ignoring the advice of countless dietary committees and the guidelines in *The Health of the Nation*, they gobble more fat than is supposed to be good for them.

If Mrs Bottomley's advisers were right, this ought to translate into an increase in heart disease, the nation's greatest killer. Yet such are the paradoxes of nutritional science that the secretary of state is able to claim credit for a substantial *fall* in heart disease, 4.8 per cent in a single year.

This is, indeed, the single biggest improvement in any of the mortality indicators (excluding accidents) and excellent news, even if the fall isn't quite fast enough to hit the target of a 40 per cent reduction by the year 2000. But please do not ask Mrs Bottomley how it came about.

The Health of the Nation guidelines on diet are laughable to anybody not in thrall to the nutritional nostrums that first gained a foothold 20 years ago. Its targets are dietary fat and nothing else. The percentage of food energy derived from fat, it says, should fall from 40 per cent in 1990 to 35 per cent in 2005, and the amount derived from saturated fats from 17 per cent to 11 per cent over the same period.

There is no mention in the targets of fruit, vegetables, vitamins, fibre, sugar or salt. The only part of the nation's diet with any bearing on its health, apparently, is fat. Yet the evidence that fat plays a dominant or even a very important role in heart disease has never been convincing.

Dr Paul Sachet, consultant in clinical nutrition at the Bichat Hospital in Paris, was in Britain recently lecturing to GPs at the invitation of the Butter Information Council. What he had to say was well worth listening to.

His figures show that total fat intake in France is marginally lower than in Britain, though not dramatically so, and the same applies to saturated fat. Average blood cholesterol levels in the two countries are almost identical (5.9 mmol/litre in France, 5.8 in Britain). Yet overall mortality from heart disease in France is less than a third of ours: 112.4 per 100,000 people per year, against 367 per 100,000 in Britain.

At a stroke, these figures disprove the white paper's obsession with fat, but they are not new. The remarkable differences between nations in heart disease mortality have been common knowledge for years.

Even within Britain, the fat hypothesis fails to explain the geography and sociology of heart disease. The Whitehall Study of Civil Servants has shown that higher grades have greater intakes of fat and higher cholesterol levels, but lower heart disease. The latter is much greater in the North than the South, but there is no geographical difference in saturated fat consumption.

What, then, explains the French paradox? (It can't be smoking, incidentally, since the French smoke more than we do.) The best evidence points to the role of antioxidants: principally vitamins C and E and beta-carotene, found in fruit and vegetables. Dr Sachet's figures show that the French eat, on average, 162 grams a day of fresh vegetables and 169g of fruit, while we manage only 101g of vegetables and 86g of fruit.

The other difference, of course, is wine. There is growing evidence that red wine, in particular, can protect against heart disease, though doctors are sometimes reluctant to admit it. Recommendations drafted earlier this year for the World Health Organisation conclude that moderate drinkers are protected against heart disease, though they balk at actually saying so.

"It is probably better to conclude that moderate consumption of alcohol does no harm to the cardiovascular system than to emphasise its protective effect, for the reason that any public health encouragement for consumption of alcohol may often be misinterpreted and lead to excessive intakes..." the anonymous author of the draft recommendations priggishly concludes.

No hint of the healthy effects of wine is allowed to sully the pages of *One Year On*. Nor is there any sign that the dietary targets will be broadened to take in fruit and vegetables. If the target is met — and there is every chance it will be — it will be no thanks to *The Health of the Nation* and its unhealthy obsession with fat.

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Lynne Truss



■ It is the virtue of fools, and the perfectest herald, but most of all it is golden

Anyone watching the BBC news on Sunday night, with its edited highlights of the Remembrance Day ceremony, will have noted a very curious thing. The newsmen cut out the two minutes' silence. Thus, the clock went "Bong", the distant cannon went "Bang", and the next thing you knew, they were playing the Last Post and laying wreaths. Since the annual two minutes' reflective silence is about the most moving thing on television, it is possible that the edit was intended to protect the already raw feelings of the grief-stricken. But I doubt it. What we witnessed here was the consequence of fear, of a feeble failure of nerve. You see, silence on the television is about as unthinkable (Oh no!) as blank lines in a newspaper, thus:

In fact, the chances of this gaping white wound not being panic-sutured by someone in the course of the paper's production ("What the hell is this? There's a *space* on page 18!") are very slim indeed, and I am thoroughly foolhardy even to attempt it.

Gaps are great, however. I firmly believe we should have more gaps, especially in broadcasting. "And now on BBC2, er, *Nothing*. Over on BBC1, in just over ten minutes, good grief, *Nothing* there, as well." Personally, I would embrace the return of the potter's wheel, the interval bell, the test card, and the inventive use of "Normal Programmes Will be Resumed Shortly", but arguably *Nothing* could be finer. Don't other people's brains get overloaded? Or is it only mine? Has no one else noticed that new books are published every week, without let-up, over and over, till the end of creation? Why don't they *stop* sometimes? Why don't they admit they have run out of ideas? Am I run mad, or just in desperate need of a holiday? Asked recently in a published questionnaire to compose a headline for the event that I would most like to cover, I'm afraid I gave myself away completely. "Airwaves eerily silent", I wrote, "as all networks simultaneously run out of programmes."

Clearly this is an unusual attitude to our splendiferous burgeoning culture, especially in a television critic, but on the other hand, for God's sake somebody, *help!* While others famously "surf" through the television channels — presumably humming "Catch a Wave" by the Beach Boys as they paddle back out, letting their fingertips stiffen from prolonged immersion — I find I can only cope by taking short exhilarating dips, then towelling off vigorously and getting fully dressed again. Sharing a sofa (and a remote control) with someone who uses commercial breaks in cop shows as an opportunity to surf over and "see what's happening in the snooker" is guaranteed, in fact, to drive me to violence.

"Shouldn't we switch back now?" I say, after a minute has passed.

"Not yet, this is interesting." Pause.

"Let's switch back, go on."

"Not *yet*." A longer pause, more charged with tension. There is an irritating click of balls.

"Give me that thing!" I shout, suddenly. "I want to go back to *Columbo*!"

At which point a grabbing-and-kicking scuffle breaks out, and the remote control is somehow hurled out of the window, where it lands with a plop in a rain-butt.

Recently on Radio 4 the wonderfully repugnant Alan Partridge (spoof Pringle-wearing radio personality chat-show host) attempted a one-minute silence, when an interviewee supposedly suffered a fatal heart attack in the chair opposite. "And now, the one minute's silence," said Partridge (or something similar). "Yes, ah-ha, here we go... very respectful, this... in case you're wondering, anyone who's just tuned in... this is a One Minute Silence... about half-way through, I should think... it's very moving, actually... perhaps I could use this opportunity to tell you about next week's show... or perhaps not... can't be long now... that's it! Minute's up! Lovely." Well, I'd just like to say I genuinely appreciated what he was trying to do. So here's another gap:

I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.



And your bird can sing

Grand opera is often said to be a closed world, only for insiders; well now it is to tell the secrets of the prison-house

Bernard Levin

I have recently learnt of a remarkable project in the world of opera. Glyndebourne, most sensibly, has an important by-product in the form of an operatic educational department — they are always on the lookout for budding composers as well as singers, for no one can say where talent, or indeed genius, may be found. That is why Glyndebourne has frequently co-operated in putting on new and unknown work as try-outs in a more or less private form. But the most recent of these explorations, on which they will shortly be working, must be one of the most remarkable of their operatic collaborations, for it is to be a joint endeavour between Glyndebourne and Dartmoor prison, and when I say Dartmoor prison I mean not the governor and his trusties, but the inmates.

Yesterday, our arts editor reviewed a performance of *Guys and Dolls* given by prisoners in Wandsworth jail in collaboration with Pimlico Opera, and he had clearly enjoyed himself. Well, who will say that a love of opera cannot go hand in hand with a love of GBH? Not I. And did not Gilbert and Sullivan emphasise that truth?

When a felon's not engaged in his employment,
Or maturing his felonious little plans,
His capacity for innocent enjoyment
Is just as great as any honest man's...

When the enterprising burglar's not a-burgling,
When the cut-throat isn't occupied in crime,
He loves to hear the little brook a-gurgling,
And listen to the merry village chime...

When the coster's finished jumping on his mother
He loves to lie a-basking in the sun.
Ah, take one consideration with another.
The policeman's lot is not a happy one.

My view is that such enterprise should be encouraged, which is why Sir George Christie, the head of Glyndebourne, has kindly allowed me to see both score and libretto, and to give my readers an idea of the work in progress.

The opera is called *Dunroamin*, and the *dramatis personae* will give you an idea of its nature. The hero's name is Jemmio, and his faithful comrade is called Cosheo. Jemmio has a deep scar on his right cheek, and on his left cheek there is a tattoo which reads "Ah, but you should see what I did to *him*". Then there is the sinister Stoolio, who is believed by the others to be giving information to the prison authorities; that is why he has only one eye, one leg and one ear.

It is believed that Jemmio is in love with Informa, but that is a deception: Informa is in the business of smuggling contraband into the prison (things like bags of very fine white sugar for the prison tea and sharp knives for cutting up the prison skilly), and the pretence that Informa is Jemmio's lover enables her to make frequent visits to the prison. It is true, however, that Bastardo, the feared boss of C landing, is enamoured of Mafia, the illegitimate daughter of Stoolio. Mafia has sworn to wait for Bastardo, though she is being wooed by both Bentcoppa and Barristerio.

Meanwhile, Calamito is awaiting the result of his appeal: he was appealing on the grounds that the judge (Lord Justice Garrickclubio) who had sentenced him was bribed, drunk, drugged, unqualified, a wife-beater, a pickpocket and a man who travelled by Underground only because he could there practise indecent exposure. (The jury had failed to agree with him.)

Other characters are: Guvna, the *capo di capi*: Bangemalluppo, who is paid by piecework: Clarko, who falls into an enormous vat and is accidentally boiled, singing "Another couple of double gins, please, and don't worry about the tobacco stains"; Bastardo, who tries to save Clarko, only to fall into the vat himself, to the riotous amusement of Jemmio and Cosheo; and assorted cutpurses, robbers, villains, rogues, slashers, poisoners and very many more High Court judges.

At the rise of the curtain, we hear the divided chorus singing a passionate threnody, "O, why didn't I listen to my mum", with the response "I did, but she was the one who taught me how to pick locks". Enter Bastardo, who sings a touching apostrophe to Glyndebourne: "How I do dream of seeing once more the beauty of the green lawns of Glyndebourne", only to have Jemmio remind us, in a sprightly *cabaletta*, that "You'll be lucky mate — at present the green lawns of Glyndebourne are invisible beneath several million tons of earth, machinery, barbed-wire and swearwords".

There follows a charming duet:

Cosheo: Hand over the moolah, if you value your kneecaps.

Palumbo: I'll have you know I am the chairman of the Arts Council.

Cosheo: Oh well, that's different — why didn't you say so right away?

Palumbo: I forgot. What about a drink?

Cosheo: Mine's a double meths on the rocks.

Then Bernardo enters and sings the great aria, "A joke's a joke, Sir George, but if you propose to put *Pelléas et Mélisande* back into the repertoire, I will burn down your bleedin' new opera-house the minute it's put up, and let me remind you that at least 10 per cent of Dartmoor prisoners got there for arson". (The haunting melody to which Bernardo's words are so beautifully fitted, is heard again in the closing bars of the work.)

Meanwhile, Subbuteo has fallen in love with Blotto, and Montessori has fallen in love with Dolcefarniente, when comes startling news that Informa has been arrested; she is going to the European Court, on the grounds that the policeman who took her in demanded a bribe well over the regular tariff.

Then comes one of the greatest moments of the entire opera; the Breakout Chorus. In that most stirring work, we hear Dartmoor and Glyndebourne entwined at last — in the crash of crockery from the Glyndebourne tearoom, and the revolver shots from the rival Dartmoor gangs disputing the right to go first. (At the première, before the curtain rises, many in the audience are likely to be puzzled by the enormous battery of timpani — 14 sets — in the specially extended orchestra pit. All will become clear with the tremendous thunder that accompanies the Breakout Chorus.)

Now the work rises to even greater heights, as we hear in the music the barking of the dogs who are hunting down the escaped prisoners. The authorities, however, have failed to discover that Bastardo, who was thought just a powerful thug, actually has a first-rate mind, and has trained the dogs, with drugs brought in by Informa, to ignore escaping prisoners and concentrate on biting the warders and the people in the audience at Glyndebourne, particularly if *Pelléas et Mélisande* is playing.

But we have not yet finished. A new scene reveals that the hatred between Recividistio and Blotto is such that they have agreed to fight a duel; just as their swords clash, there is a piercing scream from Mafia (a thrilling *A in alt*) who reveals that Recidivistio is her long-lost daughter, who is so stupid that she has been going about for at least 30 years in the belief she was a man.

This imbroglio throws everything into chaos: should the duel continue? (After all, if they hate each other enough to fight a duel, there is no reason that the sex of either of them should make a difference.) But Mafia is making so much noise that nobody can get a word in. Clearly, this is a problem that can only be settled by the very highest authority, and Palumbo is called in. Unfortunately, Cosheo had forgotten to tell everybody that Palumbo should not be shot through the knee-caps, and the minute he arrives he is shot not just through the knee-caps, but also the ankles, and is taken away on a stretcher. At last, the *deus ex machina*: with a fanfare of trumpets, a majestic figure, cloaked and masked, strides onto the stage. In a muffled voice, obviously wanting to conceal his identity until the crucial moment, he calls for silence. This, as you can see, is the greatest peak of the opera, with all the extra excitement of not knowing who the mysterious figure is. He praises those who have, in these perhaps unique circumstances, carried out a most unusual and interesting project: a new opera.

Now he throws down his cloak, and then tears off his mask. The woodwind here come into their own, with shrill cries emphasising the astonishment of all the characters, for it is — yes, it is — Sir George Christie. In sonorous tones, as the orchestral swell grows and grows, he announces that the new Glyndebourne will open with a performance of *Pelléas et Mélisande*. Amid the cheers, Bastardo points out that Bernardo has disappeared. All is clear when the new Glyndebourne auditorium is seen in the distance, burning to the ground.

Clinton is starting to recover

Woodrow Wyatt finds America's pulse is still strong

Last week in America I began to think Bill Clinton is turning out better than I expected. He is fighting hard to get the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) through Congress tomorrow. With many Democratic representatives against him he can do it only with the help of Republicans. Most of the unions, to which the Democrat party is closely linked, are against him. In New York in particular, garment workers are incensed at the prospect of competition from low-paid textile workers in Mexico which, with Canada, is one of the three founder members of Nafta. They are not mollified by the prospect of increased sales in Mexico by some American firms, such as Hanky Panky, which sells remarkably exotic underwear and other female apparel: nor by the low productivity in Mexico.

I saw the television debate between Ross Perot and the vice president, Al Gore. Many Clinton supporters believed he had blundered in agreeing to it and that Mr Gore would be butchered by the wily Mr Perot. The reverse happened: Mr Gore slaughtered the evasive Mr Perot and won fresh supporters for Nafta among doubting Democrats in Congress. Mr Clinton has had to make numerous concessions to protect special interests, but not enough seriously to damage Nafta, into which he intends to bring other Latin American countries such as Chile, Venezuela and Argentina. Initially, Nafta covers a population of 367 million (larger than the EC), and it will take 15 years to implement fully. It is clear it would create more jobs than would be lost in America and in the associated countries.

Nafta's importance to Britain is immense. If Mr Clinton fails to get the agreement through, a reasonable conclusion to the Gatt negotiations will become almost impossible as the protectionists are fortified in their war against the extension of free trade. After some hesitation, Mr Clinton has realised that removing barriers to international trade will make America and the rest of the world richer, not poorer. Yesterday in Seattle he was trying to persuade China, Japan and a variety of Pacific countries that liberalising trade between them, with a body similar to Nafta, would help their economies. In short, Mr Clinton takes John Major's view that world trade would be greatly improved by fewer barriers. I think he will narrowly win the Congress vote, and so push the world a little further towards free trade and away from unthinking, emotive and individualist trade isolation.

Despite earlier hiccups, relations between America and Britain are improving. Mr Clinton, defying the huge Irish vote, bravely refused entry to the Sinn Fein spokesman Gerry Adams last week. IRA terrorists have been arrested, and the millions they are alleged to have stolen from the Brinks bullion plant in New York State last January have been put on display in open suitcases crammed with dollar bills. Britain can now anticipate support from Mr Clinton against IRA terrorism: his initial insinuation that Britain is in the wrong over Northern Ireland has been dropped, with no repetition of his election promise to send an American mediator to Ireland. True, there are differences over Bosnia, but they are not sufficient to disturb the special relationship.

Though Mr Clinton's opinion-poll ratings are abysmally low, it is likely that his recent show of decisiveness, together with America's fast improving economy, will soon make him more popular. Previously thought a certain loser in the next presidential election, he may be harder to beat than optimistic Republicans hoped. Last week the America of New York and Massachusetts did not look like a country which had suffered badly from recession. As in Britain, the public inclination has been to believe that there has been — and is — a period of acute hardship; but this is to ignore evidence to the contrary in front of their eyes and in their pockets.

Cradle of democracy

JOHN MAJOR last night dropped nostalgic references to the traditional family in his speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet, while John Patten has openly admitted that some MPs are "not the best advertisements for family values".

But all MPs will soon be domestically challenged when the Commons accommodation committee asks them to reveal details of their family lives. After a sharp intake of breath by many, the MPs will read on to find a firm assurance that their revelations will be treated in confidence.

The purpose is to gauge demand for a crèche in the Commons. So far, smoking rooms have been regarded a higher priority than facilities for children, although even the House of Lords operates a childcare voucher scheme.

The results will go to the six-strong Commons Commission, chaired by the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, which oversees working conditions.

Labour's Marjorie Mowlam comments: "We, the Commons, can't lecture industry and local authorities on the importance of childcare when we don't have our own House in order." But she recognises that there is some way to go. When Diane Abbott, for instance, carried her sleeping baby through a voting lobby because she had nowhere else to leave him, an elderly Tory MP reported her to the authorities. Other women MPs remain sceptical about converting the Jurassic tendency. One comments: "If you send it to every old fogey in the place, you can guess what the answer will be."

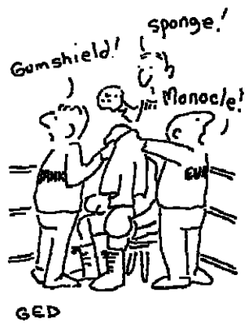
Staged recovery

THE KRAY TWINS' rehabilitation continues. On Sunday night, the Brick Lane Music Hall, in London's East End, took delivery of a framed brass plaque in appreciation of the musical hall's importance to the local people. The donors were Ronnie and Reggie Kray.

Vincent Hall, Brick Lane's musical director, accepted the plaque, saying it was a time "for generosity and rehabilitation". The Krays, he said, should be forgiven. His press officer, Roger Foss, admits that the cheers from the audience amazed him, but adds, "They're like institutions in the East End, part of the fabric of society. The music hall is a stone's throw from where they lived. And their mother was a great fan."

First degree

LENNOX LEWIS hung up his gloves last month for an evening at the Oxford Union, where he gave a polished performance in defence of his sport. The event wasn't lost



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on fellow pugilist and world champion Chris Eubank. This Thursday Eubank will retaliate by delivering a speech to the Cambridge Union.

With both boxers displaying latent academic aspirations, Eubank looks to be ahead on points. "I'm trying to get to Cambridge to study psychology," he says. "I am a master of psychology, but I would like to go into it in a thoroughly recognised way."

Under the circumstances, the Cambridge Union is steeling itself for a full psychological treatise from Eubank, who amazed journalists recently when he arrived at a press conference in jodhpurs and riding boots while sporting a monocle. "His speech is probably going to be along the lines of 'Boxing, God and the Monocle'," says a union spokesman.

● *Pepsi has curtly ended its eight-year sponsorship deal with Michael Jackson after he confessed to his sleeping-pill addiction — but the company apparently likes to live dangerously. A far more modest deal has been signed by the Pepsi Max brand to sponsor a Blackpool rollercoaster. Obviously the executives believe the 85-mile-an-hour attraction, involving a drop of 235 feet, is a safer bet than a fast-living pop star.*

Pagan parading

ALL is not well in the City of London, where the Lord Mayor's inauguration parade has offended the local clergy. The churchmen object to the choice of inflatable effigies of the pagan gods Gog and Magog to lead last Saturday's parade.

The official programme for the event describes the two figures as "symbolising one of many links between the modern business institutions of the City and its ancient history". But the clergy say their use makes the Corporation's motto, "Lord guide us", look ridiculous.

The Rev Tom Farrell, rector of St Margaret's Lothbury, says: "Choosing these figures may have had an innocent motivation, but it was an extraordinary way for the Lord Mayor to introduce the parade. Isn't God good enough?"

Meanwhile the office of Paul Newall, the new Lord Mayor, insists he did not intend to cause offence. But with the City's international pre-eminence under threat, perhaps they need support from any quarter they can get.

● *The prime minister's open government policy may at last be reaching into the heart of Whitehall. The Scottish Office sent* The Times *a computer disc purporting to be the league tables of all its state schools for today's paper. Unfortunately it also carried a civil servant's personal files. We shall not, of course, be revealing the details.*



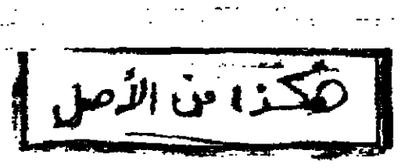
Mint copy, some cat hairs

The man whose family gave rise to Blofeld, the detestable cat-loving villain who heads S.P.E.C.T.R.E. in the James Bond books, has decided to part with his Ian Fleming first editions.

When writing *Thunderball*, his third Bond novel, Fleming could not think of a suitably sinister name for his megalomaniac monster. The matter was resolved after breakfast one day in Boodles club when, leafing through the membership list, he chanced upon three members of the Blofeld family.

The name stuck as Fleming's villain — a decision which inspired one of the family, the cricket commentator Henry Blofeld, to amass his collection of all 16 Bond books, which Christie's has been instructed to sell.

But there will be no bids from Charles Gray, the actor who played the silver-haired fiend so convincingly (*above*). "I really read them all ages ago, so I'm not frightfully interested," he says. "It only goes to show you should never throw anything away."



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ON THE WAY BACK

Can John Major now make loyalty as habitual as revolt?

A few sunny statistics do not make an economic recovery. Nor do a few weeks of new found confidence from the prime minister prove that a political recovery has begun. There are clear signs this week, however, that the tide in John Major's fortunes may have turned.

Last month his party followers at Blackpool concluded that he was the best prime minister they had. Then came the call of "back to basics". To produce a political slogan which is castigated by liberal commentators and claimed with excess zeal by the Tory right is better than to have no political slogan at all. To be savaged by Sir Edward Heath is a badge of honour which most Conservatives recognise at its true worth. Mr Major's escape from probation, like today's economic growth, may be hesitant and uncertain. But it is a start.

Last night, at Guildhall, he added some finishing touches to the garment with which he intends to clothe future government policies. "Back to basics" is an all-purpose robe: it is designed to define his style of leadership, to unite the Conservative party, and to touch a chord with the public. It may not be a classic; it may not even last until next season; but it will do the immediate job of marking the prime minister's strengths, marking him off from John Smith and, most important of all, marking time.

When Mr Major first took over from Margaret Thatcher, one of his chief attractions was that he seemed to be more in touch with common concerns. This characteristic became ever less apparent as he wrangled to ratify Maastricht. While the government agonised over paving debates and social chapter amendments, voters worried about jobs, crime and education. Those worries are now encompassed in a phrase: they are not perfectly encompassed, as the squabbles of the past few days have proved, but there is at last something positive and appropriate for Tories to talk about.

For politicians, the language of politics is the tool for action. Like other "basics" it needs learning. Mr Major and his advisers had thought that the citizen's charter would seize the public imagination and define the prime minister's vision. The charter is a good idea, but it is diffuse and not suited easily to either argument or crusade. The results are slow to materialise, and the theory is easier to sell to think-tank aficionados than to the general public. "Back to basics" allows plenty of room for argument but requires no great conceptual explanation; Mr Major is speaking the language of his natural allies.

MPs will now be watching for signs that Mr Major's personal recovery is matched by recovery in his party's fortunes. To be 20 points behind Labour is unfortunate but acceptable for a short period in the mid-term of a parliament.

This trough in the Tories' fortunes, however, has been unprecedentedly deep and prolonged. The Budget is by no means bound to buy popularity before the local and European elections. The nerves of even the most hardened MPs and activists, already tested close to destruction, will be tested again.

John Smith, by his embrace of Europe's socialist federalist manifesto, has given the government a great chance. If the public begins to be won over, so should MPs. The re-establishment of authority is always difficult — and after the prime minister's terrible year the task may yet prove too great. Backbenchers discovered a taste for rebellion in the last parliamentary session. It is Mr Major's task now to wean them off that habit. The advantage of "back to basics" is that, in one form or another, its policies are incontestable within the Tory party. In a quiet way, almost despite themselves, MPs may find in a few months' time that they have formed a habit of loyalty instead. That could be the prime minister's salvation.

AGREEING ON STANDARDS

The National Commission on Education may assist ministers

So polarised has the education debate been in the last twenty years that the National Commission on Education, prompted by a speech given by Sir Claus Moser in 1990, was widely expected to deliver little more than an old-fashioned critique of the government's reforms and a demand for more resources. It is to the credit of the 16 commissioners that their final report, published yesterday, amounts to considerably more than this.

Many of their recommendations are utopian or objectionable — or both. Universal public provision of nursery education, whatever its merits, is a remote prospect in the current fiscal climate. Replacing A levels with a general national diploma would remove the pivot of educational excellence in this country with no obvious benefits. While the commission's call for better adult education is reasonable, its demand that under-25s be given the right to one study day a week without loss of pay would be an unfair burden upon employers.

Nonetheless, John Patten, the education secretary, should take heart from the areas of consensus which the commission's report suggests are emerging. Though the detail of its recommendations often clashes with government policy, the broad themes are surprisingly similar, driven by a concern for standards rather than ideology or the vested interests of public sector employees.

The report is as concerned by the quality of teaching as it is by teachers' morale. It strongly supports the new appraisal system and urges that powers of dismissal should be used where necessary. On teachers' pay, it recognises the need for excellence in the classroom to be rewarded and for incentives to encourage the best teachers into low-achieving schools. The report also calls for higher entry standards to initial teacher training institutions, recognising that this is likely to drive up the number as well as the quality of applicants. These sorts of principle ought to be evident in the proposals on teacher training in the Queen's Speech.

The government should also look hard at the structural reforms proposed by the commission. Its report rightly comments that teaching unions "have a responsibility for the public image of the profession which they have not always discharged well" and suggests the introduction of a statutory general teaching council, responsible for professional standards of discipline and conduct. Ministers might prefer to call such a body the Royal College of Teachers but they would be likely to welcome it.

Likewise, the commission's call for the replacement of local education authorities by education and training boards should not be rejected out of hand. As more schools opt out of town hall control, the new funding authority for schools will almost certainly be regionalised. Its membership at local level should indeed include businessmen, church leaders and elected politicians as well as centrally-appointed officials.

The government must not allow local planning to interfere unduly with schools' independence; but it must also make sure that those who plan understand local priorities. By its practicality in this and other respects, the commission has made a useful contribution to the new educational agenda. It hints at a mood of co-operation which may lie beyond the tired hostility of ministers and education establishment.

OVERDRAWN SPECTRE

The ghost in the bank is simply keeping up with the times

Ghosts are by occupation conservatives. That is their function. At first apparition, the restless spirit of Thomas Howard, the fourth Duke of Norfolk, which is with difficulty and publicity being exorcised from Coutts Bank in the Strand in Westminster, appears to live up to the ghostly conservative tradition of rattling chains, head tucked under arm, and medieval groans in the cellarage.

By all accounts, he wears antique Elizabethan costume of ruff, doublet and hose. He is well-connected, not only because he chooses to haunt the Queen's bank, but also by being the father of Saint Philip Howard, who died in the Tower. Yesterday the Duke of Norfolk, and other extant Howards of Britain's grandest Roman Catholic family, led prayers for their ancestor's tormented soul, and sang his son's hymn "O Christ, Glorious Crown" to close the service. To judge by his stilted conversations with his exorcist, a retired civil engineer turned psychic consultant, this ghost sounds appropriately of gadzooks and tushery, in a *Carry On Creeping and Creaking Up the Crypt* mode: "I feel today something of the weight of the many past anniversaries that went unnoticed. 'Tis a strange gap in time, it seems."

He has a suitable grievance to keep him wandering around for 421 years, queuing interminably and moaning to any bank cashier who will listen. He was, after all, executed, allegedly for plotting to marry Mary Queen of Scots, depose Elizabeth, and bring back the old religion. A perfectly plausible revision of history is that the treason charges were fabricated by William Cecil, Howard's political rival, and the original of devious Polonius. In the style of all the best conservative ghosts, this one has no head, having been decapitated at the Tower, and become, according to his psychic consultant, a "discarnate entity".

Few today admit to believing in ghosts. But in a paradoxically credulous age everyone is prepared to shudder at the supernatural, especially on video. Recent sightings of ghosts suggest that they too are moving with the times. Nuns have been observed playing snooker at a police training centre that had once been a convent. Ghosts of the victims of traffic accidents are reported to haunt the motorway. A spectral racehorse and a ghostly bridesmaid in wedding rig are among recent sightings. In East Ardsley Conservative Club, West Yorkshire, the smoky figure of a video ghost has recently been filmed by the club treasurer.

Ghosts are simply the phantasms of their time, and to queue for ever at the bank, even at Coutts, is a modern phenomenon. So is to wander hopelessly, having forgotten one's pin number. If bankers could count for the material world, they would not always provide six windows and only two cashiers. All who bank will recognise the shock of phantom withdrawals from their accounts when the statement comes in. The ghost in the bank is not as obsolete as he seems.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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HIV risks from blood products and transfusions

From Professor Bryan G. Reuben

Sir, Reports of inadequate blood testing in Germany (November 5, 6) have caused justifiable alarm and demands for action. The dangers from infected blood products, however, are more restricted than is generally realised, because of the nature of the blood products industry.

There are, broadly, two blood industries. One collects whole blood from donors who are usually not remunerated. About 10 per cent of whole blood collected in the UK is still used for transfusions, but most of it is split into a cellular fraction (red cells, platelets, white cells) and a plasma fraction. Donors are tested at every donation but, if the donor has had Aids for only a few weeks, this will not show up in the test. Screening of donors and careful testing are thus crucial.

The commercial organisations, on the other hand, collect blood plasma and return cellular material to the donor, who can thus give plasma much more frequently. This is what was done by UB-Plasma, the Koblenz donor centre.

They are believed to have sold some of the plasma to hospitals as single-donor plasma for transfusion and the remainder to fractionators who converted it to a range of products, especially anti-haemophilia factors (to help clotting in haemophiliacs), albumin (to replace body fluids in, for example, cases of burns) and immunoglobulins (for immunisation). These products are made from pooled plasma from thousands of people. The products are routinely pasteurised or otherwise virally deactivated.

The chance of a breakdown in the viral-deactivation measures, imposed in many European countries and the United States in 1985, is tiny. The danger is from the infected single-donor plasma. The terrible irony is that such transfusions are often made for no good reason.

In the UK, only fractionated and hence virtually deactivated products are imported: hence there is minimal risk from the German debacle. In Germany, the risk from UB-Plasma is to people who have had single-donor plasma transfusions, although there are allegations that other companies and agencies have also been negligent.

Chemical and biotechnological replacements for many blood products are already available or in development. Meanwhile, apart from stricter application of testing procedures, the best way to avoid a recurrence of this scandal is for the use of single-donor plasma to be restricted to the handful of cases where it is necessary. It should then be drawn from blood donation units where screening is likely to be more strict.

Incidentally, a litre of blood plasma is unlikely to make a profit of 3,000 marks (£1,200) as your report of November 5 suggests. It will process to give two doses of albumin selling for about £30 each on the world market plus anti-haemophilia factors worth about £55, plus intravenous immunoglobulins selling also for about £55.

Small quantities of other therapeutically active proteins are extracted by some fractionation companies, but the total revenue is still under a sixth of what you quote as profit.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN G. REUBEN,
South Bank University,
Chemical Engineering Department,
103 Borough Road, SE1.
November 10.

From Mr Michael James

Sir, As one who has spent many years in the pharmaceutical industry, I regard the comment by the Department of Health which you report (November 6) — "There is no evidence that HIV has been transmitted by these two products" [Gammabulin and human albumin] — as appallingly disingenuous. The mere absence so far of evidence of virus transmission is meaningless.

The entire pharmaceutical industry has a comprehensive batch record system which should enable the department to identify every single batch of the offending materials which have been brought into the UK. The manufacturer is obliged by law to retain samples for several years. The authorities can insist that these samples be retrieved and submitted to independent tests.

In addition, the law requires comprehensive records to be maintained which should be capable of revealing which individual patients received injections of these individual batches.

What the Department of Health should be doing is insisting that all batches imported from suspect manufacturers are independently re-tested. If any batches are found to carry viruses, then individual patients should be traced and tested.

Even then, there could be no certainty that no infection had been caused, but at least the public could be more confident than they can be on the basis of the misleading statement issued yesterday.

Yours truly,
MICHAEL JAMES,
Old Manor Farm,
Harlington, Bedfordshire.
November 6.

Why Crown courts are standing idle

From the Chairman of the Institute of Barristers' Clerks

Sir, We are concerned by the number of Crown courts standing idle, despite rising crime figures. This, it is widely alleged, is due to the fact that fewer cases are being brought before them, as a direct result of the increase in police cautioning and in the number of cases disposed of in the magistrates' courts. We do not believe that these are the true reasons.

On one day last week this institute conducted a survey of six Crown court centres in the south-east (Maidstone, St Albans, Snaresbrook, Southwark, Canterbury and Harrow) to find out how many courts were sitting the following day. These six centres have a total of 58 courts: 17 of them proved not to be in use.

In all cases except one, according to the courts' administration staff, this was due to an insufficiency of funds to engage the services of judges and recorders to hear the cases. None of the courts said they had significantly fewer cases. One court centre is fixing cases for next May, due to the volume of work.

As the government has put law and order at the forefront of its policy, surely it is time this serious situation was addressed. The government cannot continue to espouse the fight against crime on the one hand, and refuse to provide enough judges and recorders to deal with cases on the other.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BOWKER,
Chairman,
The Institute of Barristers' Clerks,
45 Essex Street,
The Strand, WC2.
November 10.

Coach safety

From Mr Raymond Reece

Sir, Dr Helen Grant (letter, November 15) advocates that seatbelts are worn round one shoulder only in coaches to alleviate the risk of spinal cord separation in the event of a head-on crash. I have no preconceived idea whether this is desirable, but it raises the following thought.

Racing-car seat harnesses invariably have six straps and are tightened to an almost circulation-stopping degree. Why do these drivers walk away unscathed from the most horrendous impacts, sometimes head-on with concrete walls, at speeds far higher than any likely to be encountered (legally) on a public road?

Perhaps it would be better to be tightly restrained inside a correctly designed and strengthened vehicle, than to be loosely restrained in a relatively weak body shell.

Yours faithfully,
R. L. REECE,
16 Throwley Close, Pitsea, Essex.
November 15.

From Mr Sapal Tachakra

Sir, The pattern of injury after a coach or bus crash indicates that the use of properly functioning seatbelts would have a significant effect in minimising the injuries to the majority of passengers. Some of the alleged disadvantages of seatbelts in a "side swipe" apply much less to a coach because of the height at which the passenger sits.

The Bus and Coach Council, which represents the coach-operating companies, argues that there are technical problems of fitting seatbelts of a standard similar to that in private cars. This is true but is not insurmountable. The principal problem has been to re-engineer the floor for greater strength without increasing the coach's weight above 17.5 tons for a two-axle vehicle.

The answer is simple — reduce the number of seats or use lighter materials. Both of these are achievable.

Yours faithfully,
SAPAL TACHAKRA
(Consultant, Accident and Emergency),
Central Middlesex Hospital,
Acton Lane, Park Royal, NW10.
November 11.

Future of Marsden

From Professor R. W. Blamey

Sir, The British Breast Group, which represents many of the leading workers in all disciplines of breast cancer research and treatment, looks on the suggested closure of the Royal Marsden Hospital with horror and amazement (report, November 8; letters, November 10).

The establishment of centres of expertise and a move towards rising standards of care and of specialisation towards the treatment of various diseases has been a clear part of the government's health strategy. It is therefore astonishing that one of the three or four institutes with a major specialisation, in such an important subject as breast cancer, is threatened with closure.

Breast cancer is not the only malignancy in which the Royal Marsden specialises and I imagine that a similar view would be taken by people working in other fields.

Yours sincerely,
R. W. BLAMEY
(Chairman, British Breast Group),
City Hospital,
Hucknall Road, Nottingham.

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European defence

From Mr Michael Chichester

Sir, Field Marshal Lord Carver's proposals (letter, November 8) for a two-tier security system for the European Community (or Union) deserve the most careful scrutiny. They provide a basis on which to create the genuine European security and defence identity foreshadowed in the Maastricht treaty, and outline the work which the Western European Union (nominated at Maastricht as the defence component of the European Union) will have to undertake to establish this identity.

Understandably, Lord Carver tiptoes towards, but offers no likely answer to, the key question surrounding the future security of Europe; namely, the extent or indeed the continuation of United States participation in this security.

However, if the European Union is to become an independent force on the global strategic stage capable of defending the territories of its member states and overseas European interests then it should surely plan to provide such security with its own resources and without US assistance, except in the event of full-scale war.

With US foreign and security policy in disarray, a major Washington initiative on the future defence of Europe, such as Lord Carver hopes for, is unlikely to be forthcoming at the Nato summit in January. It is the European Union that should now table a strategic plan for its own defence, based on indigenous forces and the maintenance of a strong European contribution to UN or regionally organised peacemaking/keeping operations.

The future British contribution to the defence of the European Union and of its overseas interests should be primarily one of naval and air forces, with small, highly trained land forces based at home but capable of rapid deployment by air and sea to wherever they are needed. Lord Carver's acceptance that there is a maritime element to European defence is welcome and Britain as an island nation should contribute at least as much as France to this element.

But whatever shape and size is finally decided for the British contribution to the defence of the European Union, this question needs urgent examination at cabinet level.

Only this decision will end the slow death by successive strokes of the salami slicer to which our armed forces are now being subjected and the damaging and unproductive Whitehall squabbles and inter-service rivalries over the size of future defence budgets.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CHICHESTER,
The Mead House, Taynton,
Burford, Oxfordshire.

Absent fathers

From Mr Christopher Chalker

Sir, It is very easy to stigmatise absent fathers (leading article, "Facts and fatherhood", November 10; letters, November 13) but many fathers pay maintenance, and are then effectively discouraged by the mother from seeing their children. I am one such.

Mothers, too, need to measure up to their responsibilities. Some treat court orders with contempt.

The pain of the absent father cannot be imagined.

Sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER CHALKER,
377 Archway Road, Highgate, N6.
November 13.

Defusing tensions

From Mr William Fisher

Sir, I am heartened by the picture (November 10) of Reginald Denny, the lorry driver beaten up in Los Angeles last year, shaking hands with his attacker Henry Watson. Although each of these men could easily have maintained either personal or public grievances, they each appear to have concluded that it is time to consign the ugly incident to the past.

An aggressive stance by either man could have led to further violence and polarisation of the community. Both should be congratulated.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM FISHER,
8 Horn Hill,
Whitwell, Hertfordshire.
November 10.

Biological differences

From Mrs Joan Devaney

Sir, Does Nigel Hawkes really believe ("A new battle of the sexes", November 10) that women "insist that biologically they are identical" to men? How can he possibly credit them with so little ambition?

Yours,
JOAN DEVANEY,
Orchard Thatch, Thornhaugh,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
November 11.

Religious instruction

From the Right Reverend Maurice Wood

Sir, In our widespread Christian work in schools and amongst teachers and parents, we are finding no evidence of a nationwide demand for the exclusion of Christianity from the classroom, as suggested by four members of Newnham College (letter, November 9), who say "it is time to discuss the banning of religious worship from state schools".

The historic Christian faith, enshrined in Old and New Testaments, has shaped our laws, culture, art, religion and national character. How heart-warming that the 1988 Education Act ensures that all children in our schools receive the precious gifts of worship and religious education ("of a broadly Christian character") with due safeguards.

Our projects in schools, and our conferences for teachers, parents and governors, lead us to the opposite conclusion to that reached by the Newnham Four.

Yours faithfully,
†MAURICE WOOD
(Chairman),
Order of Christian Unity,
Christian Unity House,
58 Hanover Gardens,
Kennington, SE11.
November 11.

From Mr David C. C. Watson

Sir, The Newnham College objectors to John Patten's plans for religious instruction might be surprised to learn that St Matthew's Gospel is prescribed as a compulsory text for the BA degree in English at Delhi University.

Is this an "unreasonable imposition of one religious creed on a multicultural society"?

It will be ironic indeed if Hindus born in Britain complete their education knowing less about Christianity than their co-religionists in India.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID WATSON,
31 Harold Heading Close,
Chatteris,
Cambridgeshire.
November 10.

Overcrowded jails

From Mr Leslie Jerman

Sir, Over the past decade I have befriended inmates in 24 prisons. Many of them are mentally ill.

It costs the taxpayer some £1.4 billion a year to keep people in jail. Lord Justice Woolf, Judge Stephen Tumim, chief inspector of prisons, several leading judges, the director-general of the Prison Service, the Probation Service, the Prison Reform Trust, Nacro and the Howard League all know that harsher sentences and harsher regimes are wrong.

Such sentences and regimes in our disgracefully overcrowded jails will lead only to more very expensive riots.

As an ordinary taxpayer I ask: Can we afford Mr Michael Howard?

I am, yours sincerely,
LESLIE JERMAN,
Rushbrooke, Coppice Row,
Theydon Bois, Epping, Essex.
November 9.

Air competition

From the Chairman of the Air Transport Users Council

Sir, Your report (November 4) on the call by the Civil Aviation Authority for greater competition in Europe refers to the threat that the gains to passengers of recent years could yet be reversed.

This threat is very real indeed and the power of state-aided airlines to prevent or eliminate competition cannot be underestimated. The French government appears to have reinforced this situation by handing a victory to those who resist fundamental change at Air France (leading article, October 26).

The European heads of state decided seven years ago to press ahead with the creation of the single market for air transport: the flag-carriers have, therefore, enjoyed an extraordinarily long adjustment period. Most have preferred, however, to continue their expansion programmes regardless. It is ironic that they should now be asking for time to adjust to the shock.

The CAA is right to call for the liberalisation process to be continued and for the single market and competition legislation to be firmly enforced. Whilst passengers, particularly in the UK, have seen real benefits from the emergence of competition there could be much more to come. Yet many in the European industry clearly believe that too much has already been conceded.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN NICHOLSON,
Chairman,
Air Transport Users Council,
5th Floor, Kingsway House,
103 Kingsway, WC2.

Wearing the trousers

From Mr Nigel Hunt

Sir, I am amused by concern that women priests may wear culottes (report and photograph, November 5). As men have always dressed as women for the job, I would have thought any stone-throwing slightly inappropriate. Or could it be that this is just the ultimate insult when a man who isn't wearing the trousers sees a woman priest who is?

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL HUNT,
Barton Cottage, Launcells,
Bude, Cornwall.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 15: The Queen, Patron, and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Royal Variety Performance in aid of the Entertainment Artistes' Benevolent Fund at the Dominion Theatre.

The Lady Farnham, Sir Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 15: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, President, the Lord's Taverners, this evening attended the City of London Region Dinner at the Savoy, 1 Savoy Hill, London WC2.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 15: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Tetbury and District Hospital League of Friends, this evening gave a Reception.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 15: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires), this morning received Lieutenant Colonel John Russell upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer 1st Battalion.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 15: The Duke of Gloucester, President, Christ's Hospital, was present today at the opening of Salters' School of Chemistry, Christ's Hospital, Horsham, West Sussex.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Major-General Sir Philip Ward (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex).

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this morning visited Derbyshire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Sir Peter Hilton).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Royal Surgical Aid Society, visited Lea Hurst Residential Home for the Elderly, Holloway, near Matlock, Derbyshire.

This afternoon The Duchess of Gloucester visited Leicestershire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Leicestershire (Mr Timothy Brooks).

Her Royal Highness opened Loughborough Hospital, and afterwards opened "Created with Feeling", a joint Exhibition of the Royal Leicestershire, Rutland and Wycliffe Society for the Blind and Leicestershire Museums, Arts and Records Service at Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, Leicester. Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 15: The Duke of Kent this morning visited Aston Martin Lagonda Group Limited, Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Commander the Honourable John Fremantle).

His Royal Highness, Trustee, this evening opened the George III Gallery at the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
November 15: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended a Rachmaninov Anniversary Concert given by the St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra in aid of the Galitzine-St Petersburg Trust at the Barbican Centre, London EC2.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.



ALAN WELLER

Air Commodore Peter Brothers, left, Air Vice-Marshal Tony Dudgeon, centre, and Group Captain Desmond Sheen under the shadow of a replica Spitfire at the Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon, northwest London, yesterday. They were among a group of veteran pilots who met for the launch of *On Silver Wings - RAF Biplane Fighters Between the Wars*, a book chronicling the "golden age" of the RAF

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a reception given by the Commonwealth Jewish Council and the Board of Deputies of British Jews at St James's Palace at 4.30 to mark the council's 10th anniversary conference.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a luncheon at Clothworkers' Hall at 12.40 to mark the centenary of the Fellowship of the the City and Guilds of London Institute.

The Prince of Wales will address the Historic Houses Association annual meeting at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at noon; will confer fellowships and honorary membership and present prizes at the Royal College of Music at 2.45; and will attend the Royal film performance of *The Man without a Face* at the Odeon, Leicester Square, at 8.00.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Trust for Sick Children in Wales, will open the adolescent unit at 11.50 and the refurbished wards at the Carmarthen and District NHS Trust West Wales General Hospital at 12.45. She will visit Teen Challenge at 52 Penygroes Road, Gorslas, Llanelli, at 1.55.

Prince Edward will inaugurate the Gryphon Oil Field in the North Sea at a reception given by Kerr McGee Oil (UK) at the Natural History Museum at 6.30.

Princess Margaret will visit the Lady Haig Poppy Factory at New Haigh House, Logie Green Road, Edinburgh, at 3.20; and, as Patron of St Margaret's Chapel Guild and St Margaret's 900, will attend a St Margaret's day service in St Margaret's Chapel, Edinburgh Castle, at 3.55; followed by a reception.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the Britain-Nepal Society, will attend the annual meeting at the Nepalese Embassy at 6.20.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of Endeavour Training, will attend a dinner given in conjunction with Williams Racing at the Conference Centre, Williams Grand Prix Engineering, Basil Hill Road, Didcot, at 7.10.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Spastics Society, will visit Newton Products Meadway Works, Garreth Green Lane, Birmingham, at 10.55; will visit the Spring Gardens development at noon; will visit Broadstones Hostel, Broadstone Road, at 12.15; and as President of Action Research, will visit the liver unit and Action Research volunteers at the Children's Hospital, Ladywood Middleway, at 1.30.

Princess Alexandra will attend a concert at Syon House at 7.30 in aid of the Princess Margarita of Romania Foundation.

Today's birthdays and anniversaries

Birthdays
Mr Frank Bruno, boxer, 32; Mr Willie Carson, jockey, 51; Lord Fairhaven, 57; Mrs Zina Garrison-Jackson, tennis player, 30; Viscount Goschen, 28; Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, British Airways, 60; Professor W.G Overend, former master, Birkbeck College, 72; Mr Griff Rhys Jones, actor, writer and producer, 40; Mr John G. Stenhouse, former chairman, Stenhouse Holdings, 85; Canon H.J. Stuart, former chaplain-in-chief, RAF, 67; Sir Edward Tomkins, diplomat, 78; Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, cardiothoracic surgeon, 58; Professor Michael Zander, professor of law, 61.

Anniversaries
BIRTHS: Francis Danby, painter, near Wexford, 1793; John Bright, anti-Corn Laws campaigner, Rochdale, Lancashire, 1811; Alphonse Daudet, writer, Paris, 1867; Paul Hindemith, composer, Hanau, Germany, 1895; Sir Oswald Mosley, Labour minister and founder of the British Union of Fascists, London, 1896.

DEATHS: King Henry III, reigned 1216-72, London, 1272; Perkin Warbeck, pretender to the throne, executed, London, 1499; James Ferguson, astronomer, London, 1776; John Walter, founder of *The Times*, Teddington, Middlesex, 1812; Louis Riel, leader of the Métis insurrection in Canada, executed, Regina, Saskatchewan, 1885; George Alfred Henty, war correspondent and writer of stories for boys, Weymouth, 1902; Charles Maurra, writer, Tours, 1952; Tyrone Power, actor, Madrid, 1958; Clark Gable, actor, Hollywood, 1960; William Cosgrave, President of the Irish Free State 1922-32, Dublin, 1965.

Jack Sheppard, highwayman, was executed at Tyburn, London, 1724.

The USSR launched *Venus III*, an unmanned spacecraft, that successfully landed on Venus, 1965.

Church news

The Rev Malcolm Ferrier, Vicar St George the Martyr, Waterlooville: to be Priest-in-charge, All Saints', Godshill w St Alban, Ventnor, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth).

The Rev Malcolm Fenwick, Vicar, Riding Mill, Corbridge: to be also Rural Dean of Corbridge (Newcastle).

The Rev John Fowles, Vicar, Horsell, and Rural Dean of Woking: to be also an Hon Canon of Guildford Cathedral.

The Rev Peter Garland, Assistant Curate, Crookham: to be Vicar, St Paul, Tongham (Guildford).

The Rev Michael Hardy, Rector, Arnesby w Shearsby and Bruntingthorpe: to be Team Vicar, Ratby cum Groby (Leicester).

The Rev Peter Hancock, Vicar, St Wilfrid, Cowplain: to be also Rural Dean of Havant (Portsmouth).

The Rev Stephen Jones, Minor Canon, Succentor and Dean's Vicar, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle: to be Assistant Curate, Howden Team Ministry with special responsibility for Wressle and Barmby (York).

Royal College of General Practitioners

At the first meeting of the 1993-94 Council of the College held on Saturday, November 13, the following Officers were elected: Chairman, Dr William Styles; Vice-Chairman, Dr Brendon Sweeney; Honorary Treasurer, Dr Richard Horne; Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Dr Tony Mathie; Honorary Secretary, Dr Mollie McBride.

Lecture

City University Business School
Professor Helmut Schlesinger, former President of the Deutsche Bundesbank, delivered the fifteenth Henry Thornton Lecture: "Conduct of Monetary Policy in an Open Economy" last night.

Service reception

RAF Club
A reception was held yesterday at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly, to mark the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the club and at which a bust of Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, OM, was unveiled by Sir Ralph Robins. Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham, president, and Lady Beetham and Air Commodore H.W. Hall, chairman, and Mrs Hall welcomed the guests.

Nicolette Powell

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Nicolette Powell will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, on Monday, November 22, at noon. There will be a special collection in aid of the restoration of the organ.

Dinners

Lord Mayor's Banquet
The Lord Mayor, Mr Alderman Paul Newall, accompanied by Mrs Newall, the Sheriffs and their ladies, entertained the outgoing Lord Mayor, Sir Francis McWilliams, and Lady McWilliams, at a banquet held last night in Guildhall. The Lord Mayor, Sir Francis McWilliams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor were the speakers. Others present included:

Mrs Major, Mrs Carey, Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord President of the Council and Mrs Newton, the Lord Privy Seal and Lady Wakeham, the Austrian Ambassador and Frau Magrutsch, the Ambassador of Japan and Mme Kitamura, the American Ambassador and Mrs Seitz, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie, the Master of the Horse and Lady Somerleyton, the Earl and Countess of Buchan, the Earl and Countess of Kinnoull, Viscount Colville of Culross, QC, and Viscountess Colville, Lord and Lady Vestey, Lord and Lady Mais, Lord Bramall, KG, and Lady Bramall, Lord and Lady Jenkin of Roding, Lord and Lady Marshall of Goring, Lord Rees, QC, and Lady Rees, Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, and Lady Alexander, Lord and Lady Palumbo, Lord and Lady Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Lord and Lady Rix.

The Bishop of London, the President of the Board of Trade and Mrs Heseltine, the Secretary of State for the Environment and Mrs Gummer, the Secretary of State for National Heritage and the Hon Mrs Brooke, Mr and Mrs Enoch Powell, Sir Robert and Lady Jane Fellowes, Sir John Wheeler, MP, and Lady Wheeler, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Taylor of Gosforth, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Bingham, the President of the Family Divison and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Nicholls, Lord Justice and Lady Staughton, Lord Justice and Lady Mann, the Chief of the General Staff and Lady Inge, Lieutenant-General Saleh Al-Ali Al-Muhaya, the Chief of the Air Staff and Lady Graydon, the Crown Equerry and Mrs Gilbart-Denham, the Permanent Under-Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service and Lady Gillmore, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and the Hon Lady Weatherall, the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service and Lady Butler, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Mrs Condon, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and her Consort, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Liverpool, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their guests.

Wolfe Society
The High Commissioner for Canada was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Wolfe Society held last night in Westerham to mark the anniversary of the birth of Major-General James Wolfe. Mr J. St A. Wardle presided.

Cardiff Business Club
The High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Commander John Curteis, the Chairman of South Glamorgan County Council, Councillor D. Francies and the President of the Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The Guest Speaker was Mr Richard Pitman, BBC Television Racing Analyst. Mr Glynne H.C. Clay, Chairman, the Chepstow Race Course PLC, presided.

Institute of Classical Studies
Professor Richard Sorabji, Director of the Institute of Classical Studies, London University, was host last night at a dinner held at the Bombay Brasserie in honour of Admiral Jim Stockdale, USN, after a conference held at King's College and at the institute. Professor Christopher Brewin and Dr Christopher Gill also spoke at the dinner.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.G. Hargreaves and Miss C.J. Pleming
The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs G.F. Hargreaves, of Wentworth, Surrey, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.G. Pleming, of Lewes, East Sussex.

Mr S.P. Hathaway and Miss C.A. Watson
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr Alan Hathaway, of Basingstoke, and of Mrs John Olley, of Hythe, Kent, and Catherine Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Patric Watson, of Everton, Bedfordshire.

The Hon E.G. Lennox-Boyd and Miss T.S. Hichens
The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of the Viscount and Viscountess Boyd of Merton, of Saltash, Cornwall, and Tamsin, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Hichens, of Netherbury, West Dorset.

Mr C.J. Lloyd and Miss C.R. Rawson
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Lloyd, of Wellesbourne, Warwickshire, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Rawson, of Audlem, Cheshire.

Mr D.H.H. Macintyre and Miss P.J. Evans
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Hamish Macintyre, 1st Aviation Regiment, AAVN, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Macintyre, of Muswellbrook, New South Wales, and Philippa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Evans, of Dulwich, London.

Mr C.R. Merriman and Miss D.C. Brassey
The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of the late Mr Patrick Merriman and of Mrs Patrick Merriman, of Rearsby, Leicestershire, and Davina, youngest daughter of the Hon Thomas and Mrs Brassey, of Duncote, Northamptonshire.

Mr N.A. Robson and Miss L.M. Rose
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs Graham Robson, of Bishop Sutton, and Leanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Carson Rose, of Belfast.

Mr R.M.M. Stephens and Ms V.C. Fox
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Judge Martin Stephens, QC, and Mrs Stephens, of Cyncoed, Cardiff, and Victoria, daughter of Dr and Mrs Alan Fox, of Highgate, London.

Mr H.J. Swinyard and Miss H.E.F. Jackson
The engagement is announced between Howard, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.L. Swinyard, of Buxted, East Sussex, and Harriet, elder daughter of District Judge and Mrs J.D.F. Jackson, of Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex.

Mr G.N.S.S. Walley and Miss A.M. Sharp
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Skene Walley, of Yarhampton, Worcestershire, and Annie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Sharp, of Doncaster, Yorkshire.

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BIRTHS

ALLHUSEN - On 4th November, to Panda (née Rae) and Christian, a daughter, Natasha, a sister for Benjamin and Matthew.

BAKER-PENG - On November 11th at the Wellington Hospital, to Emily Laurence Baker and Shu-Ming Peng, a precious daughter, Zoe Laurence.

BREWER - On November 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Penny (née Jonas) and Paul, a son.

BUCHAN - On 1st November 1993, to Elaine and Keith, a wonderful son, Charles John. We love you Charlie.

BUCKLEY - On 12th November at Doncaster, Yorkshire, to Bronwyn and Daniel, a son, Joseph George.

CASIMIR-MROWCZYNSKI - On 23rd October in Singapore, to Bee Cheng (née Wee) and Crispin, a son, Paul Alban, a brother for Sophia. He will be known as Alban Casimir.

CODRINGTON - On 9th November 1993 at St Thomas's Hospital, to Noelle (née Leverson) and Christopher, a son, Alexander Edward Kristoffer.

COGGER - On November 12th at The Portland Hospital, to John and Lydia, a girl, Casey, a sister for Stephanie.

DUIGAN SLATER - On 11th November, to Christabel and Andi, a son, Luke Flood, a brother to Oliver and Alexandra.

FARAJALLA - On November 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline Baker and Faraj, a son, Samy George Elias.

FATTORINI - On 11th November, to Cecilia (née Birkmyre) and Charles, a daughter, Alicia Emily.

GOBOURN - On November 12th, to Claire (née Smith-Carington) and Andrew, a son, Harry Peter Crichton, a brother for Camilla.

GREEN/COLLINSON - On 10th November 1993, to Damian and Alicia, a daughter, Verity Mary Sophie, a sister for Felicity.

HAMILTON - On November 6th, to Andrew and Anthea, a daughter, Imogen Rosie, a sister for Alice and Hattie.

HORNBY - On 2nd November 1993, to John and Elizabeth (née Rickett), a daughter, Lucy Margaret.

HUNTER - On 5th August 1993, to Frederica (née Fisher) and Winston, a son, James Alvin Earle, a brother for Laura.

KNIGHT BRUCE - On November 13th, to Catrina (née Finlay) and Robin, a son.

MACDONALD - On November 12th, to Eleanor (née Gravell) and Richard, a son, Alasdair.

MARTIN - On November 11th, to Alexandra and Simon, a daughter, a sister for Henrietta, Harry and Edward.

MORRIS - On 29th October 1993, to Elizabeth (née Gatling) and John, a wonderful son, Joseph Louis John.

PAINE - On 11th November, to Alasdair and Rachel (née Bridger), a son, Thomas.

PETTIFER - On November 11th, to Camilla and Charles, a son.

PLUNKETT - On 9th November 1993, to Emma (née Hayward) and Stephen, a son.

REID - On November 7th, to Vanessa (née Turvill) and Tim, a daughter, Jemima Kate, a sister for Findlay.

STEVENSEN - On November 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (née Dyer) and Adrian, a son, James Alexander (Jamie), a brother for Hugo.

THOMAS - On Wednesday 10th November 1993, to Simon and Chantal (née Holland), a son, Robin, a brother for Pierre and Marina.

THORNBERRY/NUGEE - On 2nd October 1993, to Emily Thornberry and Christopher Nugee, a daughter, Rose Elizabeth, a sister to Felix.

THRELFALL - On November 15th in Bristol, to Jane and David, a son, Jonathan Robert Middleton.

WICKEN - On November 13th 1993, to Joanna (née Gray) and Trevor, a daughter, Stephanie, a sister for Robert.

DEATHS

ANSTEE - Joan, peacefully at home on Wednesday 10th November 1993 aged 73. Sadly missed by sister Dorothy and niece Felicity. Funeral Service to be held at Crowmarsh Parish Church on Wednesday 17th November at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Bennett House School, Radley Road, Abingdon, Oxon.

BARTON - On November 14th, one day before his 76th birthday, Philip Treherne C.B.E., formerly Burma Frontier Service and Colonial Service, Nigeria. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Mass at St Peter's R.C. Church, East Wittering, on Monday November 22nd at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to CAFOD c/o Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester.

BLACKWELL - On November 12th 1993, peacefully in hospital, Peggy Pamela (née Woodhead) aged 82 years, widow of Michael, beloved sister of Barbara and Cleone. Funeral Service Monday 22nd November 12 noon at Chichester Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Chiddingfold and Leconfield Pony Club or RSPCB c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2BP.

BOWKER - On November 13th, suddenly out hunting, Alfred Johnstone (John), deeply loved husband of Ann, father of Ru and Judi. Funeral Service at Burley Church on Thursday November 18th at 3 pm. No flowers please, donations if desired for either: Hunt Servants Benevolent Society or Coldstream Guards Association may be sent c/o F.W. House and Sons Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire.

BOYCE - E.R. (Miss), Educationalist, Writer, sometime Chairman Nursery School Association, Author Gay Way Reading Scheme, 1st year in school etc. Peacefully on 13th November in Poole General Hospital. See Coleman below.

CARLEON - On November 12th, Violet Audrey, 'Carlo' to all her friends, after a short illness in Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Funeral at Amersham Crematorium on Friday November 19th at 11.30am. Donations instead of flowers please to British Red Cross, 29 Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Bucks.

COATES - On 12th November, peacefully at home, Geoffrey Hamilton, much loved husband of the late Kay, dear father of Jane and John. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Wargrave, on Friday November 19th at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired in lieu of flowers to the Cancer Research Campaign. Memorial Service to be arranged, contact Barbara Burton tel: (0734) 261061 for details.

COLEMAN - Ethel Rosina (Ann) on 13th November in her 96th year. Long loved wife of Francis Coleman of Witchampton, Dorset. See Boyce above.

CORNWALL-LEGH - See Grey.

CRAGGS - On November 12th, suddenly and unexpectedly at home, Stanley Foxton of Belton House, Rutland (formerly of Swanland, East Yorkshire), aged 86 years. Beloved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist, Stibbington, Cambridgeshire, at 12.30 pm on Friday 19th November. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

DAWSON - Robert Neville (Bob) on 10th November 1993 at home in Oxford. Funeral at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 16th November at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations to Greenpeace or Lord Dowdings Fund for Humane Research c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, 2 Hendred Road, Cowley, Oxford (0865) 748865.

DUNMORE - On 11th November, suddenly, of Meadow Rise, Darlington, Christine Anne aged 66 years. Beloved wife of Owen, dearly loved mother of Simon, Nicola, Charles and Alex, also much loved 'Mal' to her great-grandchildren. Funeral on Thursday 18th, would friends kindly meet for service in Holy Trinity Church at 10.30 am followed by interment, West Cemetery.

FERGUSON - On 11th November 1993, Barbara Gertrude (née Telford), at home, aged 82 years. Widow of William Russell Walton Ferguson, mother of John (deceased) and Jill. Very much loved. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey, at 10.30am on Wednesday 17th November followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations may be sent to H.C. Patrick & Co., 86 East Street, Farnham. tel: (0252) 714884.

FISHER - On November 13th at Hill House, Ellington, Edith Emily Muriel (née Bentall), widow of Sydney Fisher of St Neots, Cambridgeshire. Service at Brampton Parish Church on Saturday 20th November at 10 am. Private family cremation. Donations to R.S.P.C.A.

FORD - Sally, aged 33, tragically on November 12th. Much loved by her father David, sisters Pippa and Julia and all her family. Funeral at Thurlestone Church, 11.30am November 19th. Family flowers only. Donations to Macmillan Nurses, c/o John Andrews, 119 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 1AL.

GILLMORE - Kathleen Victoria (née Morris) peacefully aged 90 on 12th November. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at All Saints Church, Swallowfield, Berkshire, at 2.30 pm on 19th November. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1N 4AR.

GOLDRING - On November 12th 1993, Joan aged 71 years, beloved wife of Patrick and mother of Polly, Hugh, Zachary and Sarah. Cremation at City of Norwich (Earlham) Crematorium on Friday November 19th at 11 am. Flowers to Youngs Funeral Directors, 19 Bridge Street, Loddon, Norwich, Norfolk.

GREY - On 13th November, Dorothy, wife of Lord Grey of Codnor and devoted mother and grandmother, suddenly but peacefully in hospital following a car accident. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving to be announced later.

HEWITT - On November 11th 1993, peacefully, Morgan Joseph aged 81 years, beloved brother of Catherine and Thomasine. Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, on Friday November 19th 10 am followed by burial at Gap Road Cemetery 11.15 am.

HUME-WILLIAMS - On November 12th 1993, peacefully at The Garth Nursing Home, Dorking, Frances Mary (Molly), wife of the late Sir Roy Hume-Williams, Bt., beloved sister of Myrtle and much loved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, West Horsley, on Thursday November 18th at 11 o'clock. Family flowers only. Donations to St Mary's Church Organ Fund.

HUSSEIN - Peacefully in his sleep on 14th November 1993, Mohamed Ali Hussein, husband of Mona Abboud Hussein, father of Ahmed Abboud and Nadia and grandfather of Abdel Karim Senussi and Tarik Senussi.

JACKSON - On November 13th 1993, Marion (Mary) aged 99 years. Late of Framlingham, Suffolk. Memorial Service at Framlingham Church on Friday November 19th at 11am followed by private cremation. No flowers, donations if desired made payable to Macmillan Nurses c/o Tony Brown, The Funeral Parlour, Saxmundham, Suffolk IP17 1DJ.

KANGA - On 15th November, Dorab P.M., after a severe illness patiently and bravely borne at Coonoor, India. Ex-Managing Director Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation and Chairman Indian Cable Co. Beloved father of Zerina Burns, grandfather of Leena Kalyanvala-Hill and Vip Kalyanvala, father-in-law of Bobbie Burns and grandfather-in-law of Tim Hill and Roxy Kalyanvala.

LONGMAN - On 13th November, peacefully, David George, at The Bungalow, Cranes Farm, Newton Flotman. Service at St Faith's Crematorium, Cromer Road, Horsham St Faith's, near Norwich, on Thursday 18th November at 2 pm.

LUTYENS - On 11th November 1993, Patricia. Beloved sister of John and David, a much loved sister-in-law, aunt and great-aunt. Funeral on 19th November at 12 noon at Drayton St Leonard Church, Oxon. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Thames Bank Nursing Home, Goring, RG8 9AH.

MACKENZIE ROSS - On November 13th 1993, very peacefully at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, after a long illness borne with amazing courage and cheerfulness. Rosemary adored wife of Philip and greatly loved mother of Sarah and Richard. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St John's Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh, at 2.30pm on Friday November 19th.

MADDISON - On 9 November 1993, Dr Robert Edwin Wilton Maddison Ph.D., Hon D. Litt, FSA, FRAS: chemist, historian and organist; husband of the late Adelaide Romeril de la Perrelle Verdier, father of Francis and Raymond, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation private. Donations in his memory may be sent to the charities of the French Huguenot Church, Soho Square, London W1.

MAGUIRE - On November 13th 1993, Patricia Ann (Pat), greatly loved wife of the Revd. Brian Maguire and mother of Simon, Susannah and Marcus. Requiem Eucharist at St Peter's Parish Church, Byram Street, Huddersfield, on Saturday November 20th at 11 am. No flowers please but donations instead for the Childrens' Society (c/o Parish Church). Private cremation later.

MAIS CAREW - On 12th November, Gillian, widow of Dudley Carew and for over 50 years wife of the late S.P.B. Mais. Dearly loved mother of Lalage and Imogen, grandmother and great-grandmother.

MARCUS - On 6th November 1993, tragically in a car accident in Israel, Sgt. Major Daniel Marcus, beloved grandson of Sir Leslie and Dame Shirley Porter.

MORTON - On November 12th in a West Sussex nursing home, Ria, widow of James, mother of Ian, David and Dick, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium at 12.30 pm on November 19th. Enquiries to Edward White & Son, Chichester, (0243) 782136.

NEWBON - On November 12th, David, husband of Margaret and father of Elizabeth. Greatly missed by family and many friends.

OWEN - Olive Barlow (née Hall-Wright), widow of Robert John, dear mother of John and Joan, much loved grandmother of Philip, Murray, Melissa and Alexander and great-grandmother of Charles, Olivia and Kelly, died peacefully on 12th November 1993. Thanksgiving Service 2 pm Friday 19th November at St Alphege Church, Solihull. Family flowers only.

PARKINSON - On November 15th, peacefully at Evendine House, Colwall, after a long illness bravely borne, David Hardress, D.Phil., M.A. (Oxon), F.Inst.P., aged 75 years. A much loved father and grandfather. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

PREVETTE - (O.B.E. and Freeman of The City Of London), Kenneth George Charles; loving and beloved husband of Sheila; much loved father of Martin and Linda and grandpa of David. Formerly General Secretary of the Cremation Society of Great Britain. Died peacefully on 11th November, aged 76. Funeral enquiries to C.W. Lyons & Sons, Canterbury (tel: 0227-463508). Single red roses only and donations for Kent Air Ambulance to be sent to C.W. Lyons.

PUMPHREY - Peacefully on November 14th, Frances Mary (née Salkeld), dear wife of Nigel, mother of Michael and Philippa, grandmother of Lucinda, Peter, Jake and Venetia. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist, Greatham, on Monday 22nd November at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only please.

ROSSITER - Suddenly on November 13th, Viv aged 57, darling husband and best friend of Maureen and beloved son of Blodwyn and the late Neville. No flowers but, if desired, donations to British Heart Foundation.

SATOW - On November 13th, peacefully at home surrounded by his loving wife and family, Michael Graham. Funeral Service at St Cuthbert's Church, Ormesby, on Friday November 19th at 11 am followed by a private cremation. A Memorial Service will be held in London at a later date; details to be announced. No flowers please except family: donations to Teesside Hospice (0642) 816777 or The Marie Curie Foundation (071) 235-3325.

SMITH - Andrew Frederick Swindell of Frampton Mansell, Gloucestershire, on November 13th aged 83 years, peacefully in his sleep. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St Luke's Church, Frampton Mansell, on Friday November 19th at 2.30 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent for the Simon Community c/o Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors, Dirleton House, Stroud, Glos.

TAYLOR - Sir George, former Director of Kew Gardens and very beloved treasured husband of June, died peacefully on Saturday 13th November. Service in Dunbar Parish Church on Friday 19th November 11.30 am. Any desire by anyone to express gratitude could take the form of a contribution to the Haddington House Garden Trust, Haddington, East Lothian, Scotland.

TORBOCK - On November 14th 1993, Richard Henley R.N., of Crossrigg Hall, Penrith. Funeral Service at Morland Church on 26th November at 11.30 am.

TUBBS - Oswald Sydney. On 12th November at home. Os Tubbs FRCS, beloved husband of the late Betty and dear father of Jill and Nigel, formerly cardiothoracic surgeon to St Bartholomews and The Royal Brompton Hospitals. He has left his body to medical science.

VAIL - Catherine Grace (Gay) on November 12th. Devoted wife of the late Tony, mother of John, much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Mary's, Alverstoke, 10 am Thursday 18th November. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to MacMillan Nurses Centre, St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth PO3 6AD.

WILSON - On 10th November 1993, peacefully in hospital, Vivienne, much loved wife for fifty eight years of Stuart, mother of Michael and proud grandmother of Piers and Neil. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Mary's Church, Guildford, on Saturday 27th November at 12.30 pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BULMER-THOMAS - A Memorial Service for Ivor Bulmer-Thomas will be held in St John's Smith Square, London SW1, on Tuesday November 30th at 11 am.

JAMESON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Miranda Jameson will be held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea at 12 noon Friday 26th November.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

ENNALS - Owen who died on Saturday 16th November 1991. Always remembered.

STEVENS - Constance Joan. November 16th 1980. Remembering with deep affection our darling Connie, beloved wife, mother and nanny. Sadly missed by Bill, Joan, David and the family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sir Leslie and Dame Shirley Porter mourn the loss of their beloved grandson Sgt Major Daniel Marcus, tragically killed in a car accident in Israel on 6th November 1993.

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OBITUARIES

ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW LEWIS

Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis, KCB, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, 1972-74, died on November 8 aged 75. He was born on January 24, 1918.



AS A junior officer Andrew Lewis saw a great deal of service on escort duty in destroyers during the second world war, and in the postwar period he commanded the guided weapons trials ship *Girdle Ness* at a time when the Royal Navy was taking its first steps out of the age of the anti-aircraft gun and into the era of the guided missile. Appropriately, he subsequently went on to command the missile destroyer *HMS Kent*, one of the earliest Royal Navy ships to be armed with the first generation of long and short range ship-to-air guided weapons, Seaslug and Seacat.

In the early 1960s *Girdle Ness* carried out extensive trials of the Seaslug, which was the Navy's first serious anti-aircraft missile. Interestingly, at the same time as these innovatory trials were being conducted, young officers under training at Dartmouth were being exhorted by the college's gunnery staff not to believe that the gun was about to be replaced as an anti-aircraft weapon by such newfangled contraptions as guided rockets. Such was the conservatism which held sway among the staff of the Royal Navy's premier academy.

Lewis had himself grown up via the Navy's gunnery branch, so he was well aware of the profound implications of the trend towards change. He was at sea as a gunnery officer for most of the second world war, serving in a variety of ships. These included the celebrated Tribal class destroyer *Ashanti*; the ex-US Navy four-stacker, *Castleton*, one of the first world war ships given to Britain by the Americans in September 1940 to make good the severe losses off Dunkirk; the destroyer *Boadicea*; and the 14-inch gun battleship *Howe*, in which he was gunnery officer in the Far East.

Lewis was mentioned in dispatches for the gallantry and resourcefulness he showed while a lieutenant serving in *Ashanti* in September 1940. On the passage home following the Norwegian campaign, the destroyer was continually bombed for 14 hours and suffered serious damage. At one point, to Lewis's surprise, the captain retreated to his cabin — only to emerge again to continue the battle, dressed as an Ashanti chief in full war regalia.

Lewis was also in *Ashanti* on the Russian convoys and was present when the torpedoed *Somali* broke in two in an Arctic gale while *Ashanti* was trying to tow her sister ship to safety. All but four of the 16 "Tribals" were lost during 1940-42. This was no reflection on their design — they represented the apogee of destroyer construction in the immediate prewar period — merely the price paid for their habit of being in the thick of the action.

Lewis was born in the peace of a Hertfordshire rectory. His father, the Rev Cyril Lewis, rector of Gilston, sent his son to Haileybury, from where he joined the Royal Navy in 1935.

After the war Lewis became a staff officer at the Admiralty with the rank of lieutenant-commander, before being promoted commander in 1950. He was executive officer in the carrier *Implacable* which sailed to British Guiana in 1953-54 — then during 1955-56 was at the naval base HMS *Sea Eagle* in Londonderry.

After two years at SHAPE he commanded *Girdle Ness* before being made Director of Naval Gunnery. He went on to become Director of Plans at the Admiralty between 1961 and 1963. He next took command of the County Class destroyer *Kent*. This was a logical appointment, as she was one of a new and revolutionary class of Royal Navy ship, the first to be designed with an anti-aircraft armament consisting primarily of missiles, to which the guns were intended to be secondary. (In fact, at over 500ft long and displacing more than 6,000 tons, the County Class ships were really small cruisers, but by calling them destroyers in its 1955-56 Estimates, and persisting in the fiction every year thereafter, the Navy hoped to make them more acceptable to an economy conscious government.) Lewis took *Kent* on a cruise round the world — a circumnavigation which included active service in the Far East during the period of confrontation with Indonesia, as well as a further series of missile trials, this time with the Seacat.

A protégé of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Michael Le Fanu, under whom he had served in *HMS Howe*, Lewis was made a rear-admiral in 1965 and after three years as Director General of Naval Weapons, was promoted vice-admiral.

He was Flag Officer Flotillas in the Western Fleet (as the Home Fleet had by then become), 1968-69, then in 1970 became Second Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Personnel. His final posting was to Portsmouth as Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command and Flag ADC to the Queen from 1972 to 1974, when he retired.

In retirement, Lewis became chairman of the Essex Water Authority, then deputy chairman of the Lyonnaise des Eaux — the French company which moved in after privatisation.

But his principal post-naval interest was as the 64th Lord Lieutenant and *Custos Rotulorum* (the keeper of the rolls) of Essex, an appointment he held from 1978 until last year. He was also given an honorary doctorate by Essex University in 1990. In his spare time Lewis combined a love of opera with fishing for salmon in Scotland and, more frequently, shooting pheasants near his home in Essex.

His first wife Rachel died in 1983 and he is survived by his second wife Primrose, whom he married in 1989, and by two sons of his first marriage.

SIR GEORGE TAYLOR

Sir George Taylor, FRS, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1956-71, died on November 13 aged 89. He was born on February 15, 1904.

IN PHYSIQUE, speech and manner the popular notion of a Scot, George Taylor was born in Edinburgh and was educated at George Heriot's School and at Edinburgh University, where he took a first in botany. Soon after graduating in 1926 he set out for South Africa and Rhodesia on the first of several important botanical expeditions.

On his return, in 1928, he joined the staff of the Botany Department, British Museum (Natural History), and was joint leader of an official expedition launched by the museum to Ruwenzori and the mountains of East Africa in 1934-35. In 1938 he joined Frank Ludlow and George Sherriff in southeast Tibet and Bhutan on what was to prove the most rewarding and exciting of all his collecting trips — and the one he was to remember with the greatest pleasure in his later years.

It was in 1956, after war service with the Air Ministry and a further period at the British Museum (where he had succeeded to the Keepership of Botany), that he was appointed director at Kew Gardens. It was a post to which he was eminently suited, being no less a gardener than a botanist. He was also a very able administrator — as his record at the British Museum had shown.

Under his guidance the last evidences of wartime and postwar austerity were swept away. The Palm House was restored to its pristine magnificence; the Heath Garden and the Queen's Garden were planned and planted; and the forbidding expanses of drab evergreens, which had for a century greeted the visitor arriving at the Cumberland and Victoria Gates, were replaced by a more welcoming display of colourful and unusual shrubs and herbs. The opening by the Queen of a new library and herbarium wing in 1969 was the culmination of many years of patient planning.

Sir George — he had been knighted in 1962 — retired from Kew in 1971. He was still a brisk 67-year-old: stocky, tough, shrewd, forthright and relentlessly industrious. His life even in formal retirement was crowded — he became chairman of the committee of management of the Chelsea Physic Garden, continued serving on the Ministry of Transport's advisory committee on the landscaping of trunk roads (being its chairman for 12 years until 1981) and was a regular contributor to botanical and horticultural publications. Until 1989 he also worked as director of the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust based at Belhaven House, Dunbar.

A clear and persuasive speaker, he held a visiting professorship at Reading University from 1969 onwards. While still at the British Museum he had been appointed general secretary of the British Association for the Advancement of Science — a post he occupied until 1958 — and in his last three years at Kew was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society.

Even after he moved back to Scotland honours continued to fall upon him. He was made an honorary LLD by the University of Dundee in 1972 and was awarded the Scottish Horticultural Medal by the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society in 1984.

Sir George Taylor was four times married, three wives predeceasing him. He is survived by his fourth wife, June, whom he married in 1989 and by two sons of his first marriage, which was dissolved.



Taylor with the Queen Mother at the Chelsea Physic Garden Tercentenary Celebration, 1973

JACQUES DEBU-BRIDEL

Jacques Debu-Bridel, novelist, wartime Resistance leader and founder of the left-wing of the Gaullist movement, died in Paris on October 20 aged 91. He was born on August 22, 1902.

A TALL, thin man with a full shock of hair, Jacques Debu-Bridel was a leading novelist and intellectual from a right-wing family who swung to the left during the second world war while remaining a Gaullist then and later. He became a prominent member of a small, but at one time influential, group of politicians known as the Gaullistes de Gauche.

It was they who helped de Gaulle introduce his worker participation policy which led to four million workers sharing in company profits. This policy, opposed at the time of its introduction by unions and employers, is still in force today, although its effect has been diminished by declining profits during the recession.

Debu-Bridel, born into a family of writers and philosophers known for their right-wing views, was a well known journalist and writer before the war and was awarded the prestigious Prix Interallié in 1935 for his novel, *Young Couples*.

He joined the Resistance in 1940 and was one of the founders of the Conseil National de la Résistance, the supreme Resistance body, in 1943. His operational base was in Paris and he distinguished himself both as a network organiser and as someone who displayed great physical courage in attacks on the German occupiers.

Debu-Bridel's politics changed as a result of his contacts with workers in the Resistance. His admiration for their courage led him to campaign for workers' rights.

De Gaulle had nurtured ideas for social reform from his wartime days in London telling Resistance head Jean Moulin in 1942 that the government of postwar France would have to improve "*la condition humaine*". However, de Gaulle's immediate postwar government did not survive long enough to enact any legislation in this direction. Practical steps had to await his return to power in 1958.

In 1959, the Gaullistes de Gauche movement, Union Démocratique du Travail (UDT), was founded and linked with the mainstream Gaullist movement, then called the Union pour la Nouvelle République (UNR), in 1962.

Debu-Bridel, who had been an active postwar Gaullist politician, serving for many years in the French senate, became a member of the *bureau politique* of the UNR.

De Gaulle liked him and listened to his advice on worker participation. As president, de Gaulle originally intended to extend his policy beyond just a share in profits. However, opposition was strong from nearly all unions. As a result, he introduced participation surreptitiously by decree in August 1967, when most French people were on holiday.

Later, he called his decree a mere hors d'oeuvre before the main dish; yet millions benefited during the long period of French economic boom in the 1960s and 1970s, earning sums that were the equivalent of one or two months' salary. The scheme applied to companies with more than 100 employees and in a few cases workers' representatives were admitted to company boards.

The Gaullistes de Gauche movement, which was an attempt to make the Gaullist party more populaire, had a chequered life and was not helped by de Gaulle himself stating that Gaullism was neither of the left nor of the right. It became a splinter movement again.

Debu-Bridel by 1969 was criticising "soft Gaullism", the policy not the man, and he opposed de Gaulle's successor, President Georges Pompidou. He led various small political movements during the 1970s, and then came out in support of President François Mitterrand in 1983.

He wrote some 20 novels and for many years held senior posts at Radio Monte Carlo. He is survived by his two daughters.

PROFESSOR H. G. CALLAN

Professor H. G. Callan, FRS, biologist, died after a short illness on November 3 aged 76. He was born in Maidenhead on March 5, 1917.

MICK CALLAN, as he was called by everyone who knew him, was one of the last of a classical school of academics whose knowledge and interests encompassed the whole field of biology. However, it is for his major contributions to our understanding of the structure of chromosomes, and how they function in replication and in the expression of their genes, that he will be best remembered.

Educated at King's College School, Wimbledon, and St John's College, Oxford, Callan worked briefly at the John Innes Horticultural Institute in Merton, Surrey, where his research interests in chromosomes and genetics were first developed. He was then awarded a research scholarship at the Stazione Zoologica in Naples.

This move was to signal the major turning point in his life, both personally and professionally. In Naples he met his wife-to-be, Amaryllis, daughter of the director of the Stazione, Dr Reinhard Dohrn. It was also here that he first glimpsed the gigantic "lampbrush" chromosomes which could be isolated from newt oocytes and which later were to provide the basis for many of his ideas and experiments.

However, this idyllic period was interrupted by the second world war, during which Callan held an honorary commission in the RAF, becoming an expert on radar and serving in Bomber Command.

After the war Callan moved to the Institute of Animal Genetics in Edinburgh, at that time under the direction of the famous embryologist, C. H. Waddington, and in 1950 he was appointed to the Kennedy Chair of Natural History at St Andrews University. As a young professor Callan faced the daunting prospect of following in the footsteps of D'Arcy Wentworth Thompson, one of the greatest biologists of the century. But he rose grandly to the occasion, for in the period 1950-82 he



built up the Department of Zoology from a few staff members housed around the Bell-Pettigrew Museum into a large, thriving modern department. His research output was prolific and attracted visiting research workers from around the world.

In 1963 Callan was elected a fellow of the Royal Society; in 1974, a foreign honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; and in 1982, a foreign member of the Italian Academia Nazionale Dei Lincei.

During his career, he served as a member of the UK Advisory Council on Scientific Policy (1963-64), as Trustee of the British Museum (1963-66) and on the Science Research Council (1972-76). He also visited Russia on three occasions in the 1960s, and China in 1980 to assist with its emergence from scientific isolation.

In 1982, at a time when universities were threatened by financial cut-backs and staff redundancy, Callan selflessly took early retirement to protect his younger staff. However, his research career was not to be stopped. In 1986 he published his book *Lampbrush Chromosomes*, the definitive work on the structures which had proved a lifetime's fascination. To the end of his life, his research was at the forefront of discovery: he worked for a major part of each year along with his old friend and colleague, Dr Joe Gall, at the Department of Embryology at the Carnegie Institution, Baltimore. Together they published key studies on structures in the cell nucleus which are responsible for editing genetic messages.

Away from the laboratory, Callan loved nothing better than to spend time in the countryside with family, friends and his dogs. He was keen on outdoor pursuits, hill walking, shooting and fishing, and he was a well-known character about his country cottage on the Water of Feugh, a tributary of the River Dee, in the Grampian region south-west of Aberdeen. He remained a straightforward, down-to-earth man, who had the time of day for all with whom he came in contact. He is survived by Amaryllis and their son and two daughters.

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MANUEL DE FALLA
NATIONAL IDIOM IN SPANISH MUSIC

Manuel de Falla, whose death was announced in *The Times* yesterday, was the most notable composer thrown up by the nationalist renaissance of Spanish music. His place in modern music corresponds therefore to that of Bartok in Hungary and Vaughan Williams in this country. His idiom, like that of his compatriots Albeniz, Granados, and Turina, was founded on the folk music, the popular music, and even the street-music of Andalusia, but he was the most sharply individualized of the whole school.

He was born in Cadiz on November 23, 1876, and was trained by the architect of the Spanish revival, Felipe Pedrell. He made his mark as a pianist - he was heard in London in 1911 - but declared himself to the world as a composer with a prize-winning opera, *La Vida Breve*, (1905) which was not performed until 1913, when it was given in France, where the composer was then living.

His introduction to this country came rather later in the ballet *Le Tricorne*, which Diaghilev produced in its final form in his famous season at the Alhambra in 1919. His previous ballet, *El Amor Brujo*, is only known by some of its constituent dances, notably the "Ritual Fire Dance". The vivid idiosyncratic character of its music is equally to be found in the three orchestral nocturnes, "Nights in the Gardens of Spain," where its ultimate ingredients may more easily be discerned - the guitar (an instrument which Falla took seriously and provided with new music), the castanet, the half-oriental melody dervied from the Moorish element in Spanish art, and the gypsy rhythm. They are truly described as evocations in sound of the Spanish scene.

In his later works, the opera *Master Pedro's Puppet Show* and the harpsichord concerto, the purely Hispanic elements are less prominent. *El Retablo* (The Puppet Show) is, however, Spanish in its subject. Don Quixote, in its economy, and in its counterpoint of rhythms. It makes use of a harpsichord, an instrument whose tone gives it some relationship with the guitar; Falla was so attracted by it he went on to write a concerto for it with small orchestra. Here again, there are no folksong quotation and no programme, but there is very much the evocation of Spain.

ON THIS DAY
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Manuel de Falla, a leading figure in the nationalist renaissance of Spanish music, composed a prize-winning opera La Vida Breve, the popular "Nights in the Gardens of Spain", and some delightful ballet music

PLAGUE OF GIANT SNAILS

From Our Correspondent

SYDNEY, Nov. 15

Giant snails which the Japanese cultivated for food are multiplying rapidly and destroying vegetation and native garden in New Guinea, New Britain, and New Ireland. Mr. E. Wauchope, a plantation owner of Hansa Bay, has brought sample snails to Sydney. They are five inches long and three inches high.

Mr. Wauchope says that "they are going through native gardens eating wild paw-paw, sweet potatoes, and yams. They are spreading fast, and the worst feature is that they have not a natural enemy. They will be a menace when European plantations resume. Inquiries suggest that a firefly common in Zanzibar attacks snails of this type."

THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16 1993

NEWS

Major olive branch for Sinn Fein

■ Violent misdeeds carried out in the past by the IRA would not bar Sinn Fein from any peace conference table once violence had been renounced, John Major said last night.

In his most optimistic assessment of the chances of peace in Northern Ireland, the prime minister gave an undertaking that Sinn Fein could eventually enter the political arena as a democratic party ..... Pages 1, 16, 18, 19

Eurotunnel chief gets top new post

■ Sir Alastair Morton, the Eurotunnel chief, will head a government working party designed to boost private sector investment in transport links and capital spending. The announcement, by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, puts an arch-critic in charge of finding a solution to Britain's transport problems ..... Pages 1, 2, 23, 24, 25

Europe jitters

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, sided with business chiefs who are worried that the government stance on Europe might damage British firms ..... Page 1

Targets missed

Government targets for reducing deaths from heart disease and cancer during the first year of the Health of the Nation strategy have not been met ..... Pages 1, 17

Reform costs rise

National Commission on Education reform proposals would cost a penny on income tax and extra cash from industry and students ..... Pages 1, 11

Child support plea

The Law Society has urged the government to scrap the Child Support Agency and return to the courts the powers of assessing child maintenance ..... Page 2

Husband jailed

Peter Ellis, 34, who had tried to electrocute his wife in her bath, was jailed for 18 years ..... Page 3

Wrangle over judges

A dispute over who should appoint judges to the constitutional court in the new South Africa is expected to delay further the end of negotiations ..... Page 12

Treaty signed

Britain has signed an extradition treaty with India designed to curb activities of Sikh terrorists here ..... Page 12

Race classes

The Lord Chancellor has approved a £1 million two-year project designed to train judges in racial awareness so that black and Asian people will see them as fair ..... Page 5

Rural raids

Police in the market town of Witney are using a sledgehammer to crack the nut of a drugs problem in the Oxfordshire constituency of Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary ..... Page 9

Students on march

Thousands of French students from the Sorbonne marched through Paris in a day of national protests against overcrowding and poor facilities in universities ..... Page 14

Pregnancy pauses

An industrial tribunal heard yesterday that it was RAF policy to discourage airwomen from having children by making those who got pregnant go on manoeuvres in battledress ..... Page 5

Doctor accused

Rita Steele has complained that Pratibha Salvi, her husband's doctor, took four days to visit him to ease his pain and arrived 20 minutes before he died ..... Page 7

Ghost freed

Four centuries after his execution for treason, descendants of Thomas Howard, the fourth Duke of Norfolk, prayed for his soul to end his haunting of Coutts Bank in the Strand ..... Page 2

Computer links sick boy to lifeline

■ Vivian Barty-Taylor, 10, seriously ill with a brain tumour, leaves for treatment in America today after his father, David, a computer expert, spent months searching global databases until he found a surgeon in New York who was carrying out an operation which British doctors had told the family could not be performed ..... Page 5



Two teenage flyers died when this 60-year-old Auster crashed into a Chelsfield garden near Orpington, Kent, yesterday. Report, page 2

Bank of England: Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, applied the brakes to the accelerating campaign for greater independence for the Bank of England, apparently reflecting his concern that it was getting out of hand ..... Page 23

Eurotunnel: The cross channel tunnel group is claiming compensation from Britain and France for cost overruns caused, Eurotunnel says, by the imposition of additional safety standards ..... Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 5.8 to close at 3093.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 80.7 to 81.2 reflecting a rise from $1.4777 to $1.4940 and from DM2.5074 to DM2.5169 .... Page 26

Football: Alan Shearer, expected to spearhead England's attack in the crucial World Cup qualifying match against San Marino tomorrow, has been ruled out of the game by a back injury ..... Page 44

Rugby union: Philip De Glanville, who suffered severe facial injuries playing for the South and South-West against the All Blacks just under three weeks ago, could return to action for Bath on Saturday ..... Page 42

Tennis: A two-year power struggle for control of the women's game should be resolved this week with the announcement of plans for the reconstruction of the tour's governing body ..... Page 40

Dress sense: Michael Shea looks at leading public figures and how they measure up in the battle to get their message across ..... Page 16

Unhealthy obsession: The evidence that fat plays a drastic or even a very important role in heart disease has never been convincing, and becomes less so with every passing year. Nigel Hawkes on government policy ..... Page 17

Question of luck: A drastic work reduction over the past three years has forced increasing numbers of barristers to drop out, while those who stay chase fewer and fewer briefs ..... Page 35

Belfast gets festive: Second only to Edinburgh, the Belfast Festival has launched its annual attempt to raise the troubled city's cultural profile to announce "business as normal" ..... Page 31

What surrealism? "The reason *Wild Palms* will not be successful on British television is quite simple," says Lynne Truss, of the latest, *Twin Peaks*-style surreal soap. "It depicts a glossy Los Angeles sewn up by overdressed megalomaniacs, which is precisely the image we've got already" ..... Page 31

Prophet without honour: British sculptor Richard Deacon is the subject of a huge exhibition in Hanover, Germany ..... Page 33



Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, has apologised for his organisation's mishandling of its theatres policy Page 7

Edith Cresson, sacked 18 months ago from her job as French prime minister, is taking her revenge in a new book written by a friendly journalist Page 14

Sarfraz Nawaz, the former Pakistan cricketer, opened a libel action by instructing a jury in the mysteries of reverse swing Page 1

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Up for the World Cup

■ D-Day for football supporters: *Times* writers on the chances of England, Wales and Ireland in their quest for World Cup qualification

First the good news

■ Martyn Lewis, continuing the good news/bad news debate, asks TV news editors for the same balance in bulletins as is sought in each video report

Dramas out of a crisis

■ America's playwrights put racial conflict, sexual intimidation, political ineptitude centre-stage. Benedict Nightingale has a seat in the stalls

TV & RADIO

Desmond Wilcox presents his fifth film about David, a deformed Peruvian boy whose face has been rebuilt by a Scottish surgeon. *The Visit* (ITV, 10.40pm) ..... Page 43

COMMENT

On the way back

A few sunny statistics do not make an economic recovery. There are clear signs this week, however, that the tide in John Major's fortunes may have turned ..... Page 19

Agreeing on standards

The national commission hints at a mood of co-operation which may lie beyond the tired hostility of ministers and education establishment ..... Page 19

Overdrawn spectre

All will recognise the shock of phantom withdrawals when the statement comes in. The ghost in the bank is not as obsolete as he seems ..... Page 19

BERNARD LEVIN

Who will say that a love of opera cannot go hand in hand with a love of GBH? Sir George Christie, the head of Glyndebourne, has kindly allowed me to see both score and libretto of a work in progress. It is called *Dunroamin*, and the *dramatis personae* will give you an idea of its nature ..... Page 18

LYNNE TRUSS

Asked recently in a published questionnaire to compose a headline for the event I would most like to cover, I gave myself away completely. "Airwaves eerily silent", I wrote, "as all networks simultaneously run out of programmes" ... Page 18

The fact that Crown courts often stand idle is allegedly caused by insufficient funds to engage judges' services ..... Page 19

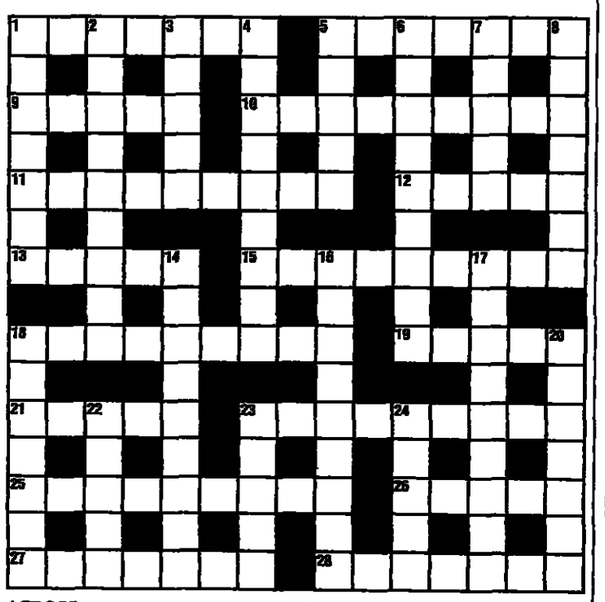
If in the post-Cold War world the US were to signal that it opposes free trade, even with its neighbour Mexico, then the globe's prevailing winds would be fundamentally altered. Protectionist forces, lurking in most countries and on the march in France, would be encouraged

The Wall Street Journal

Gas flowing through a buried pipeline is periodically cut off, despite Belgrade's promises that this would not happen. The pipeline that carries gas from Russia through Hungary serves Belgrade as well. The tap can be closed in Hungary, so that Serbian aggressors can share Sarajevo's pain

The New York Times

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ACROSS

1 Application making a mark in a close relative's case (7).
5 Note written by an Irish novelist, say, to express elation (7).
9 A man endlessly rejected — that's obvious! (5).
10 Retired bigwig takes books to friend as a crucial matter (9).
11 Sweetener for current cleaning lady interrupting wrongdoing (9).
12 All the players returned it with a disapproving sound (5).
13 Society spat is awkward (5).
15 One in much trouble as a destroyer of crocodiles' eggs? (9).
18 Most of the sugar coating in the decoration is good for the health (9).
19 Instant gain for an artist (5).
21 Bishop going into origin of a Dalek (5).
23 Biscuit made not long before mass (9).
25 Small body from above assembled before trip to Eire (9).
26 It's wrapped round an injury (5).
27 Pardon maladjusted men in a place of debauchery (7).
28 Where we raise the issue of harbour transport? (7).

DOWN

1 Contrived to miss a lot of old communists (7).
2 Cinderella, for example, cuddles up with babe (9).
3 Letter introducing appeal in a church (5).
4 Disparaging remark a second individual made about one (9).
5 Bird beginning to roost up-river (5).
6 New tester, in difficulty, gets the wind up! (3,6).
7 Trendy Latvian reportedly making an entrance (5).
8 Delightful city girl in Wales (7).
14 Inclined to disagree about English comic (9).
16 Greeting partners and opponents the day before the feast (9).
17 It's little associated with Nicholas Hilliard (9).
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Scotland will be mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain; the northwest should have broken cloud with light showers. Northern Ireland will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain. The extreme north of England and the Isle of Man will be cloudy with light rain at first. The rest of England and all of Wales should be dry and bright. Outlook: Cloudy in the north with patchy rain, dry and cold with overnight frosts in the south.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	s	Majorca	14	57	f
Akrotiri	18	61	f	Malaga	18	64	f
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Malta	21	70	s
Algiers	19	66	f	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Amst'dm	7	45	c	Miami*	29	84	f
Athens	16	61	f	Milan	15	59	f
Bahrain	21	70	s	Montreal*	13	55	c
Bangkok	32	90	c	Moscow	-9	16	sn
Barbados*	28	82	s	Munich	3	37	sl
Barcelona	14	57	f	Nairobi	26	79	c
Beirut	15	59	f	Naples	17	63	f
Berlin	2	36	c	N Delhi	27	81	s
Bermuda*	24	75	f	N'York*	21	70	s
Biarritz	10	50	f	Nice	16	61	s
Borde'x	10	50	s	Oslo	4	39	f
Brussels	8	46	c	Paris	9	48	f
Budapst	0	32	c	Peking	7	45	r
B Aires*	19	66	f	Perth	22	84	f
Cairo	22	72	f	Prague	4	39	f
Chicago*	7	45	d	Reykjavik	6	43	sl
Ch'church	14	57	f	Rhodes	15	59	s
Cologne	5	41	c	Rio de J	31	88	f
C'phagn	1	34	c	Riyadh	21	70	s
Corfu	16	61	f	Rome	18	64	f
Dublin	9	48	f	Salzburg	5	41	r
Faro	21	70	s	S F'isco*	14	57	s
Florence	9	48	f	Santiago*	21	70	s
Frankfurt	5	41	c	Seoul	14	57	c
Funchal	18	64	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	6	43	f	St'kholm	2	36	f
Gibraltar	18	64	c	Straslb'g	6	43	r
Helsinki	-1	30	s	Sydney	19	66	c
Hong K	26	79	s	Tangier	19	66	f
Innsbruck	7	45	f	Tel Aviv	18	64	c
Istanbul	10	50	f	Tenerife	21	70	c
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tokyo	23	73	s
Jo'burg*	22	72	s	Toronto*	11	52	r
Karachi	23	73	f	Tunis	19	66	c
L Palmas	22	72	c	Valencia	16	61	f
La Tovet	10	50	f	Vanc'ver*	6	43	c
Lisbon	17	63	s	Venice	10	50	s
Locarno	15	59	s	Vienna	1	34	c
L Angels*	17	63	s	Warsaw	0	32	sn
Luxembg	5	41	c	Wash'ton*	22	72	f
Luxor	27	81	s	Wel'ngton	15	59	s
Madrid	15	59	s	Zurich	3	37	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F); min 6pm to 6am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,035.4 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Sunday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall 11C (52F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Coltishall, Norfolk 1.30in; highest sunshine: Teignmouth, Devon 8.2hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 7C (45F); min 6pm to 6am, -2C (28F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.6hr.

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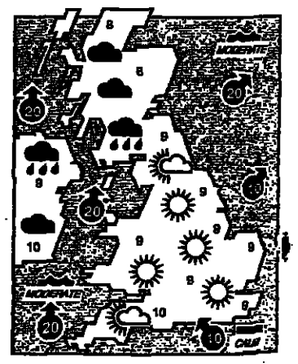
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.0	0.01	8	43	sunny
Anglesey	5.0	0.28	9	48	shower
Aviemore	4.7	0.01	6	43	snow
Belfast	8.5	0.08	8	46	shower
Birmingham	2.9	0.31	8	46	rain
Bognor Regis	6.3	0.40	9	48	sunny
Bournemouth	8.0	0.16	9	48	sunny
Bristol	7.2	0.17	10	50	sunny
Buxton	2.5	0.88	5	41	sunny
Cardiff	5.8	0.22	8	46	shower
Clacton	-	0.33	6	43	rain
Cromer	-	1.16	8	46	gale
Edinburgh	6.2	0.14	8	46	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.0	0.39	5	41	sunny
Exmouth	7.5	0.03	x	x	sunny
Falmouth	7.0	0.28	10	50	sunny
Folkestone	0.2	0.43	7	45	cloudy
Glasgow	7.0	-	8	46	sunny
Hastings	-	0.48	8	46	drizzle
Hunstanton	-	0.91	7	45	rain
Isle of Man	5.6	0.33	9	48	sunny
Jersey	6.5	0.09	11	52	sunny
Kintoss	3.8	-	8	46	bright
Leeds	3.2	0.48	7	45	shower
Littlehampton	6.0	0.70	10	50	sunny
Liverpool	4.8	0.37	8	48	sunny
London	0.5	0.13	8	46	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	1.09	x	x	rain
Manchester	4.2	0.53	7	45	sunny
Margate	X	0.36	7	45	gale
Minehead	X	0.15	9	48	bright
Morecambe	4.8	0.38	8	46	sunny
Newcastle	2.2	1.17	7	45	rain
Newquay	4.6	0.12	10	50	bright
Nottingham	1.8	0.75	7	45	rain
Penzance	7.1	0.22	11	52	sunny
Plymouth	7.7	0.12	9	48	sunny
Poole	7.6	0.15	10	50	sunny
Saunton Snd	5.6	0.14	10	50	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.6	0.05	10	50	sunny
Shanklin	6.6	0.40	9	48	sunny
Southend	-	0.41	7	45	rain
Southsea	5.9	0.28	10	50	sunny
Stornoway	5.8	0.05	8	46	shower
Swanage	8.1	0.27	10	50	sunny
Teignmouth	8.2	0.02	10	50	sunny
Tenby	7.5	0.12	9	48	sunny
Torquay	8.0	0.10	x	x	sunny
Weymouth	7.7	0.19	10	50	sunny

These are Sunday's figures

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.40	2.20
Austria Sch	18.84	17.14
Belgium Fr	56.80	52.40
Canada $	2.075	1.915
Cyprus Cypf	0.787	0.737
Denmark Kr	10.62	09.82
Finland Mkk	9.30	08.50
France Fr	9.18	8.49
Germany Dm	2.65	2.45
Greece Dr	378.00	353.00
Hong Kong $	12.18	11.18
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lira	2585.00	2410.00
Japan Yen	175.50	156.00
Malta	0.620	0.565
Netherlands Gld	2.997	2.737
Norway Kr	11.51	10.71
Portugal Esc	268.50	250.00
South Africa Rd	5.70	4.80
Spain Pta	210.50	198.50
Sweden Kr	12.77	11.97
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	20700.0	19700
USA $	1.590	1.490

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.





London 4.40 pm to 6.50 am
Bristol 4.50 pm to 7.00 am
Edinburgh 4.34 pm to 7.21 am
Manchester 4.41 pm to 7.07 am
Penzance 5.07 pm to 7.07 am

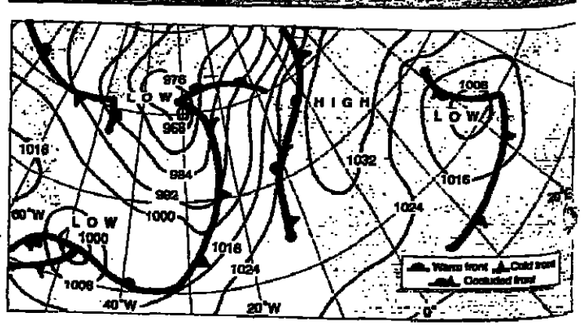
Sun rises: 7.20 am
Sun sets: 4.10 pm
Moon sets 6.35 pm
Moon rises 10.08 am

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	f	Guernsey	9	48	s
B'rmgham	10	50	s	Inverness	7	45	s
Blackpool	5	41	f	Jersey	10	50	s
Bristol	8	46	s	London	9	48	c
Cardiff	745			M'nchster	5	41	c
Edinburgh	6	43	f	Newcastle	5	41	s
Glasgow	8	46	f	R'nldsway	9	48	f

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.54	7.2	3.17	7.5	Liverpool	12.8	9.7	12.28	9.9
Aberdeen	2.23	4.5	2.37	4.4	Lowestoft	10.41	2.8	10.58	3.0
Avonmouth	8.29	13.7	8.51	13.4	Margate	12.56	4.9	1.21	5.1
Belfast	12.18	3.7			Milford Haven	7.26	7.3	7.49	7.1
Cardiff	8.14	12.7	8.36	12.4	Newquay	6.16	7.3	6.39	7.1
Devonport	7.5	5.7	7.29	5.5	Oban	6.47	4.2	7.2	3.9
Dover			12.12	8.9	Penzance	6.4	5.8	6.30	5.6
Falmouth	6.35	5.5	6.59	5.3	Portland	7.54	2.3	8.17	2.1
Glasgow	1.46	4.9	2.17	5.2	Portsmouth	12.18	5.0	12.38	4.9
Harwich	12.50	4.1	1.12	4.3	Shoreham	12.7	8.4	12.21	8.4
Holyhead	11.22	5.9	11.58	5.8	Southampton			12.2	4.7
Ilfracombe	7.9	9.8	7.33	9.4	Swansea	7.27	10.0	7.49	9.7
King's Lynn	7.39	7.0	7.56	6.9	Tees	4.45	5.7	5.2	5.6
Leith	3.52	5.9	4.9	5.7	W'ton-on-Nze	12.42	4.3	1.4	4.5



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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16 1993

Surprise remarks brush aside CBI advocacy

Clarke dashes hope of Bank independence

BY PETER RIDDELL AND PHILIP BASSETT

KENNETH Clarke, the Chancellor, slammed the brakes on the accelerating campaign for greater formal independence for the Bank of England.

He described his "present relationship" with the Bank as excellent and said he had "no intention of making an announcement on the subject in the foreseeable future". It was "one of those interesting problems which I shall think about from time to time".

His remarks, made at a news conference at the CBI's annual conference in Harrogate, came as a surprise, even to his advisers. He has previously left open his options on the issue. His decision to comment now apparently reflects concern that the campaign for greater Bank independence could get out of hand, and a desire to dampen expectations of early changes.

Mr Clarke said he did not remember "a previous Chancellor who has ever made an announcement on the subject while he has been in office and I doubt if this one will". This was in part a reference to his predecessors, Lord Lawson and Norman Lamont, who publicly expressed support for an independent Bank only after leaving office.

Eddie George and Rupert Pennant-Rea, the Bank's governor and deputy governor, have made clear their support for greater independence and have been backed by leading City figures, including Sir Peter Middleton, chairman of BZW, the securities house, and formerly permanent secretary to the Treasury.

The campaign will be reinforced on Thursday by a report from the Centre for Economic Policy Research, while the cross-party Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee is expected within the next few weeks to urge moves towards greater independence for the Bank, while retaining its accountability to parliament.

Shortly before Mr Clarke addressed the CBI yesterday, Sir David Lees, chairman of GKN and of the CBI's economic affairs committee, said the committee believed it was

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time to consider "giving greater independence to the Bank in the operation of monetary policy".

Sir David said businessmen recognised that in the short term an independent Bank might conduct monetary policy more tightly than they would wish. In the longer term, however, "we would be more likely to enjoy an extended period of price stability, given an independent central bank, and it is that longer-term stability that is so important for investment and competitiveness".

Mr Clarke favours gradually giving the Bank greater operational independence. He has, for instance, recently allowed it to publish its quarterly inflation report and bulletin without prior vetting by the Treasury.

The Chancellor voiced an upbeat view of economic prospects, stating that Britain's recovery was real and sustained. Europe, too, he said, would see slow but steady expansion.

In what he described as a "near-finale to the process of preparing the Budget", he underlined his abandonment of traditional pre-Budget purdah by speaking widely about the economy, though he made clear that he would give only "delphic answers" if pressed on the Budget itself.

The overall picture, he said, was one of steady and sustained growth, though it was one which "I would like to see strengthened". Britain's economic performance was stronger than that of any of its partners in Europe.

Mr Clarke criticised those who read into every economic statistic produced by the government a new trend in the direction of the recovery. He said the Budget would not be informed by individual months' economic figures.

He made clear, too, his commitment to European economic and monetary union in the long term and to exchange-rate stability. He expressed support for remarks by Howard Davies, the CBI's director-general, backing the long-term objective of a single European currency.

JOHN HOULIHAN



The Chancellor, in upbeat mood yesterday, said Britain's economic recovery was a reality

Channel tunnel damages claimed

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

EUROTUNNEL has tabled official claims for compensation from the British and French governments for cost over-runs caused, the Channel tunnel operator says, by additional safety standards imposed by the two governments.

Last night, the company was playing down French press reports that it had landed the British and French transport ministries with a £400 million writ.

But a spokesman said: "We've made it plain in the past that we have asked the governments about the extra costs on the project, which they have imposed, and we've been in discussions with them."

The French transport ministry confirmed that Eurotunnel had officially sought compensation, but said, as yet, there had been no reaction from the government. The transport department in London said yesterday that no legal claim had yet been received by the British government.

Eurotunnel is incensed that the inter-governmental commission overseeing the project has made last-minute changes to the design of the tunnel to comply with stricter safety standards that left the operator out of pocket.

Its spokesman said: "We've not quantified any claim. We've told them we have this whole list of grievances, and we've set them out in detail, without saying this is the bill."

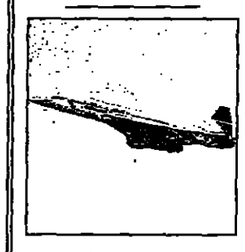
The French transport ministry last night emphasised the importance of the tunnel being built fast. "We're trying to build Europe here, we're trying to construct a united Europe — the sooner this is up and running the better it is for everybody."

Although the damages will be sought from both governments, Eurotunnel is thought to blame the British side more than the French.

BUSINESS EDITOR
Robert Ballantyne

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Hanson launched $2.4 billion of commercial paper yesterday to repay debts. What is Lord James up to?
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Lloyd's fund raiser misses its target

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS de Zoete Wedd has failed to stir up enough public support to raise the desired £30 million for CLM, the Lloyd's corporate capital vehicle. Individual investors subscribed only £6.2 million.

BZW has also ended up holding 15 per cent of CLM's equity as a result of subscribing for 12.9 million of the 80 million shares available to institutional investors.

Only 1,369 individual investors applied for a total of 6,213,800 shares in CLM at the offer price of 100p, which together with the placing raised £86 million for CLM. That will be invested in the Lloyd's of London insurance market.

The lack of public demand follows an earlier blow to Cazenove, one of the bluest of blue-chip brokers, whose renowned placing power failed to muster enough interest among institutional investors for Nelson Lloyd's Trust, another fund. As a result, the fund was abandoned. And two weeks ago, Johnson Fry, the financial services group, abandoned plans to launch a "fund of funds" when the public only provided £8 million of the £15 million target.

CLM had scaled back the amount of capital it wanted to raise from £200 million to £110 million because of the difficulty of obtaining enough "good" quality capacity on Lloyd's syndicates. The corporate companies have been facing fierce competition for capacity on good syndicates.

Other companies, set up to take advantage of Lloyd's move to allow the entry of limited liability into the 305-year-old insurance market, have proved more successful in their bid for funds.

James Capel and Samuel Montagu have raised £280 million from institutions for the London Insurance Market Investment Trust, the biggest Lloyd's trust. And one Lloyd's agency, Hiscox, flush from the success of launching one trust, has unveiled plans to raise a further £25 million for a second company.

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S&P to lower Walt Disney rating after French losses

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

STANDARD & Poor's, the American credit-rating agency, gave warning yesterday that it will downgrade the rating on $1.2 billion of Walt Disney's debt following the near $1 billion loss that was reported last week by its Euro Disney operation, located just outside Paris.

S&P says that losses at Euro Disney were much worse than expected, will go on for longer than first thought and bring Walt Disney under pressure from the banks to provide increased financial support for the venture.

Walt Disney owns 49 per cent of the French theme park — its first significant venture into Europe — and is likely to suffer losses of income from royalties paid from the European operation to the American company.

The crisis has had little effect on its American shareholders, however, and the company's American core businesses continue to show double-digit growth. On the S&P news, Walt Disney's price eased just 1.25 cents on Wall Street to $40.

Both long-term debt and some commercial paper will be affected by the downgrading, a move which usually increases the price at which large corporations may borrow money because it effectively means the borrower is not such a good risk.

S&P expects more price cuts in Euro Disney's admission price, other reductions in operations and says that Walt Disney may increase its equity stake in the park. Walt Disney's senior debt is now ranked double A minus and its commercial paper A-1 plus.

S&P said that it doubted whether the debt rating would fall below A plus and the commercial paper under A-1. At the end of June this year Walt Disney had $1.9 billion in cash and investments, roughly equal to its total debts.

S&P's move comes a week after a similar review was announced by Moody's Investors Service, S&P's chief rival.

The losses at Euro Disney helped to push Walt Disney into the red in the final three months of its financial year for the first time since the current management rescued the company almost a decade ago.

The $350 million rescue package that Disney set aside temporarily to fund its troubled European theme park was a considerable factor in a fourth-quarter loss of $77 million, compared with a $223 million profit for the same period a year ago.

Walt Disney says it has lost $514.7 million on its Euro Disney investment in the financial year that ended on September 30. Christopher Dixon, analyst with PaineWebber, the US stockbroker, says Walt Disney has now written its investment in Euro Disney down to zero. If the theme park collapses, there will be no impact on its balance sheet.

Walt Disney's fourth-quarter losses hit annual profits, with net income falling 63 per cent to $299 million against $816 million last time.

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THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Sutherland sets 30-day deadline for trade deal

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

GATT

DECEMBER 15 is "do or die" date for the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Peter Sutherland, Gatt's director-general, told the conference.

In a speech full of dire warnings, he said world leaders had to stop ducking the issues and start making compromises to secure an open-trading regime for the world. He said rejection by the US Congress of the North American Free Trade Agreement in tomorrow's vote "would not be good for the Uruguay Round".

He added: "If the protectionists taste blood on Nafta on one side of the Atlantic, is there not a risk that it would incite those on the other, and even further afield?" The world had a right to expect leadership from Congress and the US administration.

There would be no more extensions to the negotiations, which were originally scheduled to be concluded three years ago. Mr Sutherland said. "No further chances are going to be offered negotiators and world leaders this time," he said. "The political and legal chemistry allows for no more extensions. Whether it is now comfortable or convenient for ministers in many capitals to make final decisions is beside the point. It's 30 days and counting, and the world is watching."

Mr Sutherland said failure to secure a deal would put the world "on the slippery slope to unilateralism and the law of the jungle". He added: "There will be no multilateral system of sufficient weight and credibility to stop the world sliding into a mire of protectionism and lost economic opportunity." A deal, on the other hand, would stimulate trade in services, now accounting for a fifth of world trade, as well as manufactures.

The sticking points, Mr Sutherland said, were European resistance to removing protection of agriculture and reluctance in the developing world to reduce tariffs on textiles. "Agreement on everything is within our grasp," he said. "Not everyone has got down to their bottom line yet in terms of final offers." There was enthusiastic support among business leaders for completion of the Gatt round.

Sir Michael Angus, CBI president, attempted to close perceived divisions between industry and the government on Europe. He told the conference: "Just in case there should be any doubt, let me at this point emphasise the common European purpose between the CBI and the present British government."

They were "at one", he said, on the single market, on subsidiarity, on improving European competitiveness and the need to resist unnecessary regulation. He made no mention, however, of a single currency, saying only that business's long-term interest in exchange-rate stability remained strong.

Both the government and the CBI had "had their fingers a bit burnt" when the ERM collapsed, he acknowledged. He came close to apologising for remarks made by Howard Davies, the CBI's director-general, on a single European currency. "Understandably," he said, "we are ... a bit nervous and unsure about the next steps in this direction, and sometimes it shows."

He made a clear attempt to build bridges by saying that, while the CBI was not a member of the Conservative party, British industry "has a first-class partner and supporter in our present government". Britain remained at the heart of the European debate and it was "comforting" to see the government "firmly aiming" at the same European objectives as British industry.

But industry's support for a single currency was immediately restated by Ian Martin, chairman of the CBI's Europe committee, who said that the "ultimate goal of a single currency is still something which British business supports". There was no need, he said, to reiterate to a business audience a single currency's "enormous benefits".

David Evans, of the National Farmers' Union, warned that even if a Gatt deal were signed, other countries would seek new ways to subsidise their farmers.





Sir Michael Angus (top) and Peter Sutherland made key speeches in Harrogate yesterday

Attack by Delors reopens wounds

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

EUROPE

BRUSSELS yesterday reopened the wounds over Europe between British business and the UK government as industry leaders renewed their efforts to close the rift.

As the Confederation of British Industry sought to reemphasise its policy similarities with the government after ministers' anger over its views on a single European currency, Jacques Delors, European Commission president, welcomed the CBI's statements, attacking the UK government's inward-looking attitude to Europe — and Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, returned to industry's attack on politicians' "damaging posturing" over Europe.

Industry's anxieties about the damage to Britain in Europe of the anti-Europeanism in parts of the Conservative government voiced by Howard Davies, CBI director-general, were approved by M Delors in a speech to the conference.

In an address given by David Williamson, EC secretary-general, in the absence with flu of M Delors, the EC president said he welcomed Mr Davies's remarks on the single currency.

M Delors attacked the "unscrupulous individuals and groups exploiting the present political vacuum" on European integration.

Although Mr Williamson would not name who the president meant, delegates took it as a clear reference to the UK government. In a further reference to the UK government's scepticism about Europe, he said there was a "misguided belief" that the pursuit of domestic agendas was the way to solve problems.

Rock star gets things rolling

HARROGATE DIARY

☐ Britain's business leaders proved they were bang up to date yesterday. The conference tacitly acknowledged the revival of flared trousers by opening with a 1970s rock song. Harking back to the decade when tripartite corporatism ruled OK, when the CBI and TUC sat down with governments to set economic policy, delegates were shown a black and white video set to the strains of David Bowie's *Changes*. "Look, you rock 'n' rollers," sang Bowie, to possibly the least rock 'n' roll audience imaginable. "turn to face the strain" — possibly a reference to the CBI's little local difficulty with the government over Europe. "Ch-ch-changes!" After the scathing private comments of some ministers on the CBI's views on Europe, the government might think some other 1970s pop classic might have been more appropriate, perhaps Slade's immortal *Mama, We're All Crazee Now*.

☐ **EC president Jacques Delors' no-show prompted a range of ripostes. Sir Michael Angus, the CBI president, introducing David Williamson, EC secretary-general, in Delors' place: "We greatly appreciate the effort he has made to be with us and to be His Master's Voice." Williamson replied by listing why he could be objective in reading out the president's speech: "I'm not French. I'm not a French socialist. I'm not an intellectual. And I'm not a Catholic." But one frustrated delegate topped them both off: "We now feel like the Coliseum when there was an absence of Christians."**

☐ Business leaders share many of the failings of their hirelings, including a vulnerability to sickness. But Iain Vallance, BT chairman, is made of sterner stuff. He dragged himself from his London sickbed to fulfil his promise to speak on the future of Europe. He battled through an abridged version of his speech before heading home to his honey and hot lemon. "He had to come," said a spokesman, "otherwise it would have looked like retaliation for Delors."

☐ *Conference chairman Sir Michael Angus also had a tricky moment in calling a female delegate to the rostrum: "And after he has spoken ...." he announced, to immediate bursts of laughter. He recovered quickly: "Sorry," he told delegates, "it's these letters Ms that confuse one."*

☐ Sir Michael's problems are understandable after his own little local difficulty with his accommodation. Last year, the CBI president arrived at his Harrogate hotel to be told his room was not ready. He vowed never to stay there again. But when he turned up at his new hotel this year, the greeting was sadly familiar: "Your room is not yet ready, Sir." Sir Michael took it in the spirit of the market forces the CBI espouses. "It's because I'm connected with Whitbread," he joked. "They just don't like the competition."

☐ **Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, named Sir Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel, as the man to head his new private-finance working group to help him wheedle money out of the private sector to help the cash-strapped government. In the text of his speech to the conference, the Chancellor at least got his name right. Not so the CBI, which listed him as Sir Alistair Morton — a little awkward for Sir Alastair, who is famously keen on making sure his name is spelt correctly with an a, and not the much less valuable i.**

☐ *John Smith will today become the first Labour leader — indeed, the first party leader — to address a CBI conference.*

Philip Bassett

Challenge for Britain is to transform performance

By Our Industrial Correspondent

COMPETITION

BRITONS must achieve a cultural adjustment embracing every aspect of society if industry is to be truly competitive, Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, said yesterday. Although companies must improve their performance, science, education, and government must also change attitudes to prevent Britain's slide down the world competitiveness league.

The challenge was to transform the averages, to correct under-performance and under-achievement. "It is as much about public as private sector performance," he said. "It is in truth about culture. As a nation, as individuals, at every level of authority and appointment, we must seek improvement." The motivation must be a realisation that "many nations are already outperforming us and others are fast catching up."

His warning, echoing a theme of growing worldwide competitive threat subsequently hammered home to the conference by the Chancellor, was the strongest signal yet that ministers have grasped the scale of problems posed by the shrinkage of Britain's industrial base in the past decade.

Mr Heseltine said he would play his part to inform the debate by expanding the annual report of his trade and industry department. Although this may disappoint those who have called for a white paper on industrial strategy, it appears Mr Heseltine hopes to develop the report to provide a kind of annual review of Britain's industrial performance. But Mr Heseltine also insisted that the task of industry in improving performance was being made harder by critics of the European Community, the UK's largest export market.

He later insisted that the main target of his criticism was the press, but his words highlight anew the damage which Europhiles in the Cabinet believe is being done to Britain's cause by the continuing debate about the future direction of Europe and whether Britain should participate in a single currency.

Mr Heseltine said Britain's economy was increasingly entwined with that of continental Europe. "We will serve ourselves not at all if the language with which we describe our continental partners, the imagery in which we paint them and the insularity with which we attempt to rewrite the history of the past 40 years has the effect of alienating ourselves and our self-interest from the people upon whom we are most dependent."

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Leading Japanese group to be corporate name at Lloyd's

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

THE heavy-weight financial presence of the Japanese is to be extended to Lloyd's of London when the insurance market opens its doors to limited liability investors from the start of next year.

Yasuda Fire & Marine Insurance is the first Japanese company to announce plans to set up its own corporate capital subsidiary. The company, Japan's second largest non-life insurer, is expected to invest about £2 million. The minimum required for a corporate member is £1.5 million.

Yasuda is linking with the Kiln Managing Agency and, unlike other corporate names, is channelling all of its funds into the syndicates of just three managing agencies, Kiln, Wellington and Murray Lawrence.

There is also speculation in the Lloyd's market that St Paul, one of the top five American insurers, is also planning to move into Lloyd's.

The investment of the Minneapolis insurer as a corporate name is expected to exceed, significantly, that of Yasuda.

☐ Yesterday's publication of the listing particulars of New London Capital (NLC), a corporate capital company, show it is to raise £60 million through the placing of 60 million shares at 100p each. Chartwell Advisers, a subsidiary of Chartwell Re, the American insurer, will be the NLC's Lloyd's adviser while Mercury Asset Management, the investment arm of Warburgs, will manage its investment portfolio. NLC intends to invest up to £105 million.



Lloyd's of London will soon offer windows of opportunity for limited liability investors

Telegraph raises stake in Fairfax

By Susan Gilchrist

THE Telegraph, the newspaper group headed by Conrad Black, yesterday exercised all of its outstanding options in John Fairfax, the Australian newspaper group, at a cost of A$44.5 million (£20.1 million), bringing its total holding to 19.4 per cent. The move follows a series of transactions aimed at increasing the Telegraph's stake since the Australian government gave approval for the company to lift its holding from 15 per cent to 25 per cent last April. The investments since that date, which have cost A$153.2 million, mean the Telegraph now holds 133.6 million ordinary shares and 57.7 million non-voting convertible debentures. The company expects to lift its stake to 25 per cent through conversion of the debentures and further acquisition of ordinary shares.

The Telegraph also announced its third-quarter results, which showed pre-tax profits up by almost 50 per cent from £30.3 million to £45.2 million for the nine months to September 30. Excluding an exceptional £6.5 million profit on the sale of its 13 per cent stake in Trinity International in February, profits rose 28 per cent. The company said circulation of *The Daily Telegraph* "held up well" despite price-cutting elsewhere in the market, while *The Sunday Telegraph* lifted sales. Advertising revenues rose by 6 per cent.

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☐ Lord James shows his hand little by little ☐ Marshalling British Airways' numbers ☐ Surveyors pass on Queens Moat

Puffs of smoke at Hanson

☐ PUFFS of smoke have a habit of emanating from Hanson's Grosvenor Place HQ; relatively few of which are readily decipherable.

Yesterday brought word that two new commercial paper programmes have been established: one for $2 billion in the European market, via Hanson Finance, the other for A$400 million via Peabody Australia Holdings. The message from Derek Bonham, deputy chairman and chief executive, was: "These two programmes continue the process of diversifying our funding sources. Proceeds will reduce short term bank debt."

Hanson points out that it guarantees the issues, as it does its existing $4 billion US commercial paper programme. The existing sterling commercial paper facility will continue to be available under the new European programme; the amount available being reduced by drawings under the Australian facility.

According to Hanson, these issues have been rated A1+ by Standard & Poors and are expected to be rated P1 by Moody's.

Here, more or less, endeth the lesson. In the absence of rate comparisons — no puffs of smoke on this count — it can safely be assumed that the commercial paper arrangements represent a saving in terms of interest costs: even if only marginal. With net debt estimated at about £3.5 billion, compared with less than £800 million a year ago, yesterday's news hardly impacts on the overall profile. That said, every saving helps and Hanson has never been accused of lax financial husbandry.

Puffs of smoke, a little more than a week ago, brought word of Bonham's elevation to the post of deputy chairman; accompanied by news of the appointment of David Clarke, deputy chairman and chief executive of Hanson Industries, as a vice-chairman of Hanson plc.

Much was made of Bonham emerging as the heir apparent to Lord Hanson; with equally much made of the fact that Lord Hanson will not be retiring until 1997. Then, by sheer coincidence, came a flurry of press speculation — not for the first time — that Hanson is planning a series of disposals, either side of the pond, conceivably worth about £500 million.

Trade sales and management buyouts have been mooted, the latest theory being that Electra, the venture capital specialist, may lend its support to the buyout of a clutch of small UK operations. Bonham, so the tale went, is flexing his muscles in terms of a rationalisation programme.

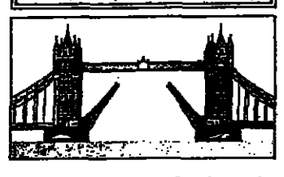
And well he may be but, for all these puffs of smoke, some official, some less so, the perception remains that key decisions are still taken by two people: each members of the Upper House, each with a fondness for meeting the other in a New York restaurant called Gino's.

What is key, as of now, is the rationalisation of Quantum Chemicals — the largest US manufacturer of polyethylene — acquired by Hanson Industries for $3.2 billion last summer. Quantum suffered a loss of $288 million last year and the promised juggling act is a return to profit in 1994 and non-dilution of Hanson's earnings.

As for long-term strategy, it is said that Lord Hanson and Lord White have, on more than one occasion, discussed the possibility of splitting the Anglo-American combine into two: Anglo and American. One puff of smoke suggests that Hanson consistently considers various options but that such an option is not, at present, a live issue.

An interesting option, all the same.

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On a wing and a prayer

☐ NEXT time British Airways is organising a flypast, it should waggle its wings at the collected luminaries of the British Treasury and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Together they inadvertently rescued the airline from an otherwise miserable set of half-year figures.

Sir Colin Marshall was coy about how much sterling's devaluation had boosted group profits.

Admittedly, it is a complex sum, since the group not only prices many of its seats in dollars, but buys its fuel and pays many of its costs in the currency as well.

But without the benefit of a cheaper pound, the modest £8 million increase in the airline's half-year profit would have been turned into a substantial decrease. The fall would have been even greater without a £16 million gain from the fall in fuel prices.

Such help could not have come at a better time for BA, since it has allowed it to emerge from a difficult period smelling of roses. How else could it have increased its capacity by 14 per cent in the middle of a recession without suffering any apparent pain?

Neither the pound nor the oil price are likely to oblige again so now Sir Colin must hope that the faint signs of a recovery in his business are enough to keep it moving forward in 1994.

The strongest sign of an upturn is the 2 per cent rise in first and business class traffic in the second quarter. BA has used all its marketing tricks to tempt business executives back into those profitable, comfy seats at the front of the aircraft and it finally seems to be working, although overall yields are still falling in constant currency terms.

BA needs the extra revenue from those under-used seats to fund its cabin-load of other interests.

TAT and Deutsche BA, the French and German carriers, are already proving to be a particularly heavy cargo. Together they only cost £27 million in the first place, but lost more than that in the first half alone.

The problems of these two airlines are just two of many that are crowding Sir Colin's and Robert Ayling's agenda. Together they must develop the relationships with USAir and Qantas, continue to expand BA's main route network and fight up to five unpleasant legal battles with Virgin Atlantic both in Europe and the US.

The achievement of BA in remaining one of the world's few profitable airlines should never be forgotten, particularly its success in cutting annual costs by an astonishing £500 million in three years. But with so much on its plate, it could be forgiven for wanting a little more unexpected help from its friends.

Rics bows to legal opinion

☐ SHAREHOLDERS in Queens Moat will hardly be best pleased by the RICS's non-contribution to the valuation debate. RICS let it be known that, when news broke on Friday that inspectors had been appointed to investigate QMH's affairs, the Institution was caught with its trousers down and, on legal advice, has chosen to remain in this state of dress.

That, admittedly, is not quite how Clive Lewis, president of RICS describes matters. He says that the Institution's enquiries "had not been completed" by Friday, and "having taken immediate legal advice" it was decided that it would be "inappropriate for the Institution's enquiries to continue, at least for the time being".

Not good enough Mr Lewis. Shareholders want to know why Jones Lang Wootton's valuation of QMH's hotels was more than £1 billion less than Weatherall Green's in just 12 months.

BA profit soars £36m as business travellers return

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

THE lower value of the pound and falling fuel costs helped British Airways to a £36 million rise in pre-tax profits in the second quarter of this year, to £172 million, as Sir Colin Marshall, the chairman, detected signs of the return of the free-spending business traveller.

Sir Colin said premium business and first-class seats were filling up again, a sure sign of economic recovery both in Britain and in the United States. "We saw some real growth in premium traffic in the month of September, and it was even better in October," he added. "I think it is a reflection that business in this country is really getting on the move again."

BA saw the first growth in premium demand in its second quarter to end-September since August 1992, a 2 per cent rise year-on-year that compared with a 1 per cent fall the previous three months.

Sir Colin said the growth in business traffic meant he did not share the pessimism expressed by other British business leaders that economic recession in the UK might still not be over. "I think it is a reflection that recession is clearly at an end," he added. "I am really relatively optimistic about it."

But he told shareholders: "Trading conditions overall this winter will remain difficult as a result of overcapacity in the industry. The recession was longer and deeper than expected. Our emergence from it is slower and more tentative than we would like."

BA shares fell 2p to 397p on news that pre-tax profits rose in the first half by £8 million to £235 million, on turnover up 14 per cent to £3,295 million. The interim dividend is up from 2.93p to 3.18p, payable out of earnings per share that fell from 23.7p to 22.9p, both adjusted for the £442 million rights issue in May.

But the airline had considerable following wind from the fall in the value of sterling, which boosted the value of foreign ticket sales, and lower fuel prices, a 5 per cent fall in fuel costs saving the group about £16 million. BA's scheduled passenger yield, the average fares per passenger per kilometre travelled, rose 4.9 per cent in the first half, but would have fallen without help from exchange rates, the group said.

The German and French arms of the global alliance BA has been welding chipped in losses after difficult conditions in their home markets. BA will not quantify those losses but says they made up the main part of a £32 million deficit from associated undertakings.

While a profit improvement programme is under way at TAT, the French carrier, BA accepts it is unlikely that either this or Deutsche BA, the German partner, can return to profit in the second half, although their performance should be an improvement on the first six months.

BA still has a total of five legal actions outstanding brought by Richard Branson's Virgin Airways. While there have been no further developments on the legal front, BA is due to file its preliminary response in the US courts next week to its rival's $325 million anti-trust law suit.

JAMES MORGAN



Sir Colin Marshall sees a new dawn for premium business and first-class seats

British Steel back in black

By Susan Gilchrist

HIGHER selling prices and tight cost control helped British Steel return to the black and the dividend list in the first half of the year.

A loss of £51 million last time was reversed into a £27 million pre-tax profit for the six months to October 2, beating even the most optimistic of expectations by analysts, who had been forecasting between £5 million and £25 million. The group has declared an interim dividend of 0.5p.

However, Brian Moffat, chairman and chief executive, gave warning that the industry was still blighted by overcapacity and that market conditions remained "extremely weak". He criticised the slow progress made by the EC on finding solutions to the problems of overcapacity and state subsidies within the European steel industry and blamed delays in the submission of firm plans regarding state-owned companies in Italy, Spain and Germany.

Mr Moffat said: "The Council of Ministers must now bring matters to a head in order to prevent insolvent state-owned companies forcing some private-sector producers out of the market."

Community ministers are due to meet on Thursday to try to resolve the problem of state subsidies. So far efforts to cut capacity in the EC steel industry by 23 million tonnes have been held back by arguments over whether Italy and Germany should be allowed to give more subsidies to their steel producers.

Although British Steel has successfully pushed through price increases of almost 3 per cent in the period, Mr Moffat said that "prices are still at levels which cause other efficient producers in Europe to incur considerable losses." He said further delays in resolving subsidies would have "a dampening effect" on prices, adding it was becoming "progressively more difficult" to make increases stick.

British demand for steel rose markedly in the first half as customers rebuilt stocks from their low base at the end of last year. Mr Moffat said the underlying improvement remained "modest" though British Steel benefited from raising its market share from 55.4 to 56.6 per cent.

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Glaxo joins GP 'bribes' enquiry

A LEADING pharmaceuticals industry watchdog, the Prescription Medicines Code of Practice Authority, confirmed yesterday that it is to extend its investigation into alleged "bribes-for-drugs" practices at Fisons to Glaxo, its much bigger rival (Martin Flanagan writes).

This follows press allegations that Glaxo had also contravened the industry's code of practice through employees offering gifts and entertainments worth hundreds of thousands of pounds to GPs on the understanding that they would prescribe Glaxo drugs. The boards of both firms have disowned the practice of unethical inducements to doctors.

BT attacks Franco-German merger

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BT yesterday called on the European Commission to reject the "grotesque" plan for a merger of the state-owned telecommunications companies of France and Germany. It was the first public move in what will be a sustained BT campaign and came in a speech by Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, at the Confederation of British Industry's conference in Harrogate.

He is pressing for direct talks with Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, to ask him to rule against the move on grounds of anti-competitiveness. Leading BT managers have already met senior officials of the EC's DGIV, the competition directorate, to put their case against the merger, which could also involve AT&T, the biggest telecommunications company in the US.

BT believes that the plan, codenamed Project Atlantic, runs entirely counter to EC competition policy at a time when Europe is supposed to be pursuing a more liberalised telecommunications policy.

Mr Vallance is confident of securing the support of Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade. BT has already held talks with ministers at the trade and industry department on opposing the proposal.

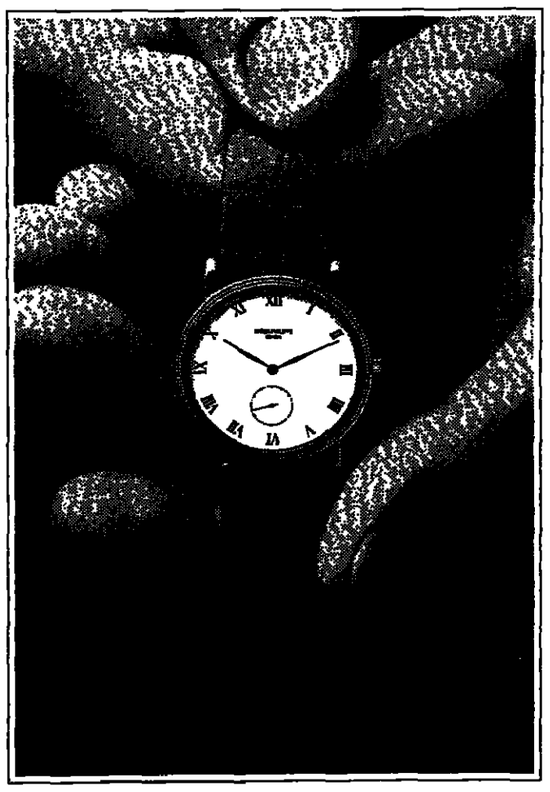
Mr Vallance said a merger between France Telecom and Deutsche Bundespost Telekom would compound the state-owned monopoly position running through most of Europe's telecommunications. He said: "I trust that the president and the commission will have no truck with this grotesque proposal."

While he accepted that telecommunications companies in Europe did believe that liberalisation was inevitable, their approach seemed to be one of delay, which he said was "simply not good enough" for European business.

He said: "To leave it exclusively in the hands of the state PTTs is to condemn Europe to the lifestyle of Jurassic Park." It was a matter of deep concern, Mr Vallance said, that the commission had been pushed into a position where it was having to defend the principle of open and free competition across Europe, rather than the state phone companies having to defend why they should enjoy a continuing monopoly.

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Float talk boosts Royal Bank of Scotland

THE **Royal Bank of Scotland** climbed 8p to 364p, with brokers becoming increasingly excited by talk that it is planning to float Direct Line, its fast-growing insurance subsdiary next year.

Analysts are eagerly awaiting a briefing from RBS about Direct Line next week. This is expected to reveal that the business made pre-tax profits of about £50 million last year. Figures from RBS are due on December 2.

Brokers such as Credit Lyonnais are pushing RBS and claim the shares are currently good value for money, even with Direct Line stripped out.

The rest of the equity market made a hesitant start to the new trading account, with ex-dividends accounting for a three-point fall. In the event, a lead of more than ten points was eventually wiped out, with investors remaining nervous before the Budget and this week's retail sales figures.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 5.8 points down at 3,093.3, with 493 million shares traded.

Glaxo fell 12p to 642p after revelations over the weekend that it had dismissed five salesmen. It came hard on the heels of a decision by **Fisons**, 4p firmer at 144p, to dismiss one of its employees. Now the regulatory authority for the pharmaceutical industry says it will be investigating.

Meanwhile, **SmithKline Beecham** A finished 6½p lower at 402p after going ex-dividend, while **Zeneca** was

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11p better at 765p. Tomudex, its new colo-rectal cancer treatment, has been taken into phase three clinical development.

Among t :: leaders, **BAT Industries** firmed 4p to 516p after an announcement that Phillip Morris, the American tobacco giant, had matched RJR Nabisco, its rival, and increased most of its cigarette brands by 40 cents a packet.

Bowater stood out with a rise of 14p to 425p as James Capel and Smith New Court both decided to give the shares a push.

Rank Organisation jumped 11p to 846p and **Reed International** 8p to 748p as both companies featured prominently in a £275 million programme trade by Goldman Sachs late on Friday. Goldman is believed to have hedged the transaction in the futures market.

Tiphook, the troubled trailer and container rental group, is expected to open sharply lower when trading resumes this morning. It ended the session 3p better at 98p before issuing its fourth profits warning this year.

Robert Montague, the chairman, said that the group had encountered exceptional costs, including advisers' fees and a provision against investment in an employee share ownership plan that will add to the losses already anticpated in the first half of the year. No dividend will be paid this year.

British Steel slipped 2½p to 122p after making a return to the black and the dividend list in the first half.

The group weighed in with pre-tax profits of £27 million, compared with a corresponding loss of £51 million, helped by increased sales and better cost controls.

But British Steel said that European markets remained depressed, with no sign of recovery this year. At home, there had been a modest improvement in demand.

British Airways finished 2p shy at 397p after unveiling interim pre-tax profits up from £227 million to £235 million.

BAA Group, the independent airport operator, climbed 5p to 901p before trading news today.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts traded in narrow limits for much of the day before closing at the bottom on the back of a depressed US bond market.

The December series of the Long Gilt finished a tick better at £114 23/32, with just 30,000 contracts traded. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 firmed 3/16 to £119 3/16, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 eased 1/32 to £113 13/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was at 3,679.48, down 5.03 points.

MICHAEL CLARK

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Tiphook issues yet another warning

TIPHOOK, the debt-laden container leasing group, has issued its fourth profits warning. It said exceptional costs related to talks on refinancing would contribute to increased first-half losses. There was also likely to be a loss in the second half and no dividends were expected to be paid for the year. In an announcement minutes before the market closed, Tiphook also disclosed that it had obtained facilities of £32.3 million from its main banks to enable it to meet immediate working capital needs.

It said further bank support was needed to meet commitments to the end of next April, and confirmed that it was still in breach of some of its banking covenants. Directors also disclosed that talks were in progress about the possible sale of the container division.

GRE buys in America

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange, the only UK composite insurer not to raise fresh capital in the past two years, has spent £65 million to buy American Ambassador, the US motor insurer. It marks the start of GRE's controlled acquisition programme outside the UK. American Ambassador, acquired from Allianz, subject to regulatory approval, is based in Chicago and writes non-standard motor business in Illinois and four other US states. In 1992 Ambassador grossed $88 million and has achieved an underwriting profit in each of the past five years. Earlier this year GRE highlighted America, Europe and Asia as areas for growth.

Setback for ADT

NET income of ADT, the Florida-based car auction and security group, declined to $89.9 million in the nine months to September 30, from $104.2 million last time. Sales edged forward to $1.03 billion ($1.02 billion). Michael Ashcroft, the chairman and chief executive, said: "ADT's businesses continue to perform in line with management's expectations. Both the electronic security services and vehicle auction businesses have sound infrastructures and excellent service delivery capabilities." In Britain, ADT has benefited from increased activity in closed-circuit television, due to heightened concerns about security.

Names agree settlement

THOUSANDS of litigating Lloyd's names received a fillip yesterday when the Aragorn Action Group agreed to an out-of-court settlement giving them 83 per cent of their claimed losses. The settlement with Aragorn Agencies Ltd and its errors and ommissions insurers was reached just three weeks before the case was due in the High Court. The 494 litigating Aragorn names, whose losses are estimated at £4 million on *Aragorn syndicate 384, were claiming compensation for losses* arising from the alleged negligence of Graham Potter, former underwriter on syndicate 384, by underwriting the retrocession of the CJ Warrilow syndicate 553's casualty account.

Fear for liquidations

KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountant, said that a combination of interest rate changes, budget tax proposals, and Europe's deepening recession means the situation for many companies remains "very fragile" and that the recent falling trend of liquidations could be reversed. KPMG figures show firms going into liquidation continued to slow in the third quarter and the number of personal bankruptcies also appears to have stabilised. A total of 4,279 liquidations in the third quarter was down 19 per cent. Personal bankruptcies and sole traders going under totalled 8,553 compared with 8,833 the previous quarter and 8,759 a year ago.

Crest deals cut debt

CREST Nicholson, the housebuilder, is to reduce its borrowings further with the sale of 73 acres of residential land and 39 acres of commercial land at Swindon, Wiltshire, to Bovis Homes and two site deals with Safeway and Tesco for construction of superstores. The land transactions, totalling £14.6 million, and last month's sale of four office blocks for £28 million were all agreed before the end of Crest's financial year and will help to reduce debt to £40.5 million in the end-of-October balance sheet. Pearce Construction, a Crest subsidiary, has won contracts worth £8 million for the construction of the superstores.

German wise men remain gloomy

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

GERMANY'S Council of Economic Advisers gave warning yesterday that the recession may not yet have passed its trough and predicted steadily rising unemployment and "minus zero" growth next year, considerably more pessimistic than the Bonn government's own forecast.

The "Five Wise Men", who acknowledged their forecasts are more uncertain than usual, said minus zero meant either no growth or a further 0.25 per cent fall in German GDP in 1994.

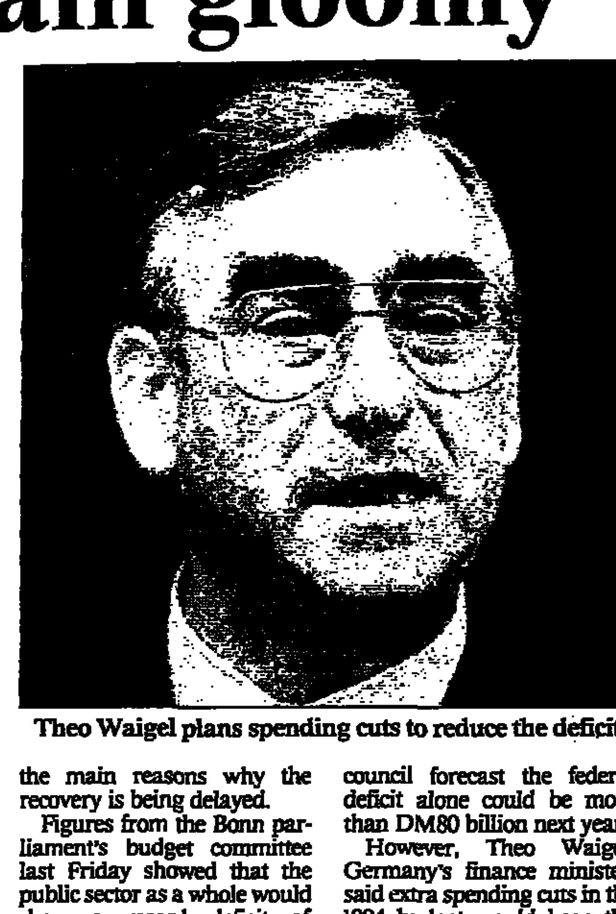
The government's latest forecast is for growth next year of 0.5 to 1 per cent and Germany's leading economic research institutes recently forecast a rise of 1 per cent after a fall of 2 per cent this year.

The council's autumn report predicted west German unemployment would reach 2.75 million or 9 per cent of the workforce next year and total German unemployment, including the east, would be just over 4 million or 10.5 per cent.

The Wise Men blamed the government's failure to control the budget deficit as one of the main reasons why the recovery is being delayed.

Figures from the Bonn parliament's budget committee last Friday showed that the public sector as a whole would show a record deficit of DM235.4 billion this year. The council forecast the federal deficit alone could be more than DM80 billion next year.

However, Theo Waigel, Germany's finance minister, said extra spending cuts in the 1994 budget would keep the deficit below DM70 billion.



Theo Waigel plans spending cuts to reduce the deficit

MARKET AT A GLANCE

THE POUND
US $ .... 1.4940 (+0.0163)
German mark .... 2.5169 (+0.0095)
Exchange index .... 81.2 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET
FT-SE 100 .... 3093.3 (-5.8)
Dow Jones .... 3679.48 (-5.03)*
Nikkei Avg .... 18074.61 (-418.94)

INTEREST RATES
London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank 5 21/32-5 19/32%
US Federal Funds 3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.12-3.11%*
Long Bond 6.18%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4895*	£:$	1.4905
$:DM	1.6905*	£:DM	2.5158
$:SWfr	1.4920*	£:SWfr	2.2231
$:Ffr	5.8760*	£:Ffr	8.7460
$:Yen	106.55*	£:Yen	158.89
£:SDR	1.0616	£:ECU	1.3126

London Forex market close

GOLD
London Fixing ($):
AM 373.90 .... PM 374.70
Close 373.80-374.30
New York:
Comex 374.75-375.25*

OIL
Brent Crude .... $15.80 per bbl (Jan)

RETAIL PRICES
RPI 141.9 Sept (1.8%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Takare .... 215p (+11p)
Zeneca .... 765p (+11p)
Lloyds Chem .... 286p (+12p)
Blick .... 445p (+15p)
Acatos & Hutch .... 303p (+12p)
Bowater .... 425p (+14p)
Rank Org .... 846p (+11p)
Euro Disney .... 385p (+15p)
FALLS:
First Leisure .... 239p (-10p)
Jardine Math .... 645p (-10p)
Glaxo .... 642p (-12p)
Flogas .... 253p (-20p)
HSBC .... 756p (-15½p)
Vibroplant .... 89p (-10p)
JW Spear .... 530p (-130p)
Takeda Chem .... 800p (-33p)
Cable Wireless .... 486p (-11p)
Henderson Admin .... 985p (-10p)
Broken Hill .... 761p (-18p)

Closing Prices Page 29

WALL STREET

	Nov 15 midday	Nov 12 close
AMP Inc	63¾	63¾
AMR Corp	71¼	71
Abbott Labs	29¾	29¾
Aetna Life	60	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	18¼	18¼
Air Prod & Chem	43¾	43¾
Albertson's	24½	24¼
Alcan Aluminum	20¾	20¾
Alco Standard	50¾	49¾
Allied Signal	72¼	73¼
Alum Co of Am	69¼	69¾
Amax	23	23
Amerada Hess	48¼	48¼
Amer Brands	35¼	35¾
Amer Cyanamid	51¼	52
Amer El Power	35¼	35¾
Amer Express	31¼	31¼
Amer Genl Corp	28¼	28¾
Amer Home Pr	63¾	63¼
Amer Intl	89¼	88¼
Amer Stores	42	42
Amer T & T	57¾	57¾
Ameritech	80¼	80¼
Amoco	53¼	53¼
Anheuser-Busch	49	48¼
Apple Computer	32	31¼
Archer Daniels	22¾	22½
Arkla	8¼	8
Armco	6	5¾
Armstrng Wrld	45¾	45¼
Asarco	20¾	20½
Ashland Oil	34¼	34¾
Atl Richfield	109¼	110¼
Auto Data Pro	54¾	54½
Avery Dennison	27¼	27¼
Avon Products	49¾	49¾
Baker Hughes	22¼	22¾
Baltim Gas & El	24½	24¾
Banc One	37	36¼
BankAmerica	42¼	41¼
Bank of NY	55	54¼
Bankers Tr NY	75¼	76
Barnett Banks	39	39¾
Bausch & Lomb	52¼	52¼
Baxter Intl	24	24
Becton Dicknsn	37¾	37¾
Bell Atlantic	61¼	61¾
BellSouth	56¾	56¾
Black & Decker	20¼	20¾
Block (H&R)	40¼	40¼
Boeing	37¾	36¾
Boise Cascade	22¼	22¾
Borden Inc	15¼	15¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	61¼	61¼
Browning Ferris	23	23¾
Burlington Nthn	56¼	56¼
CBS	300	294¼
CNA Financial	80	79¼
CPC Intl	47¼	47½
CSX	84¼	84
Campbell Soup	40¼	41
Can Pacific	17¼	17½
Cptl Cities ABC	619¼	619¾
Cptl Holdings	37	37¼
Carolina Pwr	28¾	28½
Caterpillar	90¾	89¼
Central & SW	29	29
Champion Intl	32¼	31¼
Chase Manhat	32¼	32¾
Chemical Bk	38	38½
Chevron Corp	90¾	91
Chrysler	54¾	54¼
Chubb Corp	77¼	78¼
Cigna Corp	65¼	65
Citicorp	36¼	36¼
Clorox	53¾	53¾
Coastal Corp	29	29
Coca Cola	41	40¾
Colgate-Palmolive	56¾	56¼
Columbia Gas	25¼	25¼
Commonw Ed	28¾	28¾
Compaq Comp	68¼	68¼
Comp Ass Intl	42¼	42¼
Conagra	27¼	27¼
Cons Edison	31¼	31¾
Cons Nat Gas	47¼	47¼
Cons Rail	62¼	62¼
Cooper Inds	52¼	53
Corning Inc	26¼	26¼
Crown Cork	38¾	38¼
Dana Corp	58¾	57¾
Dayton Hudson	72¾	72¼
Deere	74¼	73¾
Delta Air Lines	60¼	60
Deluxe Corp	35¼	35
Detroit Edison	31¾	31¼
Digital Equip	38¼	38¼
Dillard Dept St	40¼	39¾
Disney (Walt)	40	40
Dominion Res	45¼	45¾
Donelley (RR)	28¼	28¾
Dover Corp	60¾	60¾
Dow Chemical	55¼	55¾
Dow Jones	36	36
Dresser	20¼	20¾
Duke Power	40¾	40¾
Dun & Brdstreet	66¼	66¼
Du Pont	47¾	47¼
Eastman Kodak	63	62¼
Eaton Corp	51¾	51¼

	Nov 15 midday	Nov 12 close
Emerson Elec	58¾	59¼
Engelhard Corp	26	25¾
Enron Corp	32¾	32¼
Entergy Corp	36¼	37
Ethyl Corp	17	16½
Exxon	63¾	63¾
FMC Corp	46¾	46¼
FPL Group	37¾	37¼
Federal Express	67¼	67¼
Fed Nat Mtge	77	77
First Chicago	44¼	44¼
First Interstate	57¾	57¾
First Union Rlty	11¾	11¼
Fleet Finl Grp	31	31
Fluor Corp	41¾	41¼
Ford Motor	62	61¼
GTE Corp	37¾	37¼
Gannett	51¾	51¼
Gap Inc Del	39¼	40¼
Gen Dynamics	92¾	92¾
Gen Electric	94¼	93¾
Gen Mills	62	62¾
Gen Motors	51¼	51
Gen Reinsurance	111¼	111¼
Gen Signal	36¾	36½
Genuine Parts	38¾	38¼
Georgia Pac	74	74¼
Gillette	60¼	60¼
Glaxo ADR	19¼	19¼
Goodrich (BF)	44¼	44¼
Goodyear Tire	42¼	42¾
Grace (W&R)	37¼	37¼
Gt Atl Pac Tea	28¼	28¾
Great Wstn Fin	19¼	19¼
Halliburton	34¾	34¾
Harcourt General	39¾	39¾
Heinz (HJ)	37¾	37¾
Hercules	101¾	100¾
Hershey Foods	52¼	52¾
Hewlett Packard	78	77¼
Hilton Hotels	46¼	46¼
Home Depot	43	43
Homestake Mng	20¾	20¾
Honeywell	32	32
Household Intl	35¾	36¼
Houston Inds	46¼	46¼
Humana	16¼	16¾
ITT Corp	92¾	91¼
Illinois Tool	37¼	38
INCO	23¾	23¼
Ingersoll Rand	37¼	37¼
Inland Steel	34½	34¼
Intel Corp	61¼	62¼
IBM	51¾	51¾
Intl Flav & Fr	108¾	108¼
Intl Paper	65¾	65¾
James River Va	19¼	19¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43¼	43¾
K Mart	23	23¼
Kellogg	58¾	58¾
Kerr-McGee	48¾	49¼
Kimberly-Clark	51¼	52
Knight-Ridder	55¼	55
Lilly (Eli)	57	56¼
Limited Inc	22¼	22¼
LIN Brdcstng	113¼	113¼
Lincoln Nat	43¼	43¼
Litton	69¾	69¾
Liz Claiborne	22¼	21¾
Lockheed Corp	70¾	70¼
Louisiana Pac	40¼	40¼
MCI Commun	26	26¼
Marriott Int	25¾	25¾
Marsh & McLnn	82¼	81¼
Masco Corp	34	34¼
May Dept St	46	45½
Maytag Corp	16¼	15¼
McCaw Cellular	53¼	53½
McDonalds	55¼	56¼
McDonnell D	106¼	107
McGraw Hill	69¾	69¾
Mead Corp	42¼	42¼
Medtronic	72¼	72¼
Mellon Bk	53¾	53¼
Melville Corp	41¼	42
Merck Inc	32¼	32¾
Merrill Lynch	92¾	91¼
Minnesota Mine	104¼	105¼
Mobil Corp	76¾	77¼
Monsanto	71¼	71¼
Morgan (JP)	70¾	70¾
Motorola Inc	102	103
Natl Medical	11¾	11¼
Natl Semi	17¼	17¾
Natl Service Ind	24¾	24
Navistar Int	26¼	26¾
NBD Bancorp	30	30¼
NY Times A	25	24¾
Newmont Mng	56¾	55¼
Niag Mohawk	20¾	19¾
Nike B	50¾	50¾
NL Industries	5¼	5
Nordstrom	35¾	35¾
Norfolk Sthrn	67¼	67¼
Nthn State Pwr	42¾	42¼
Norwest Corp	23¾	23¼
Nynex Corp	43¾	42¼
Occidental Pet	18¾	18
Ohio Edison	22	22¼
Oracle Systems	31¾	31¼

	Nov 15 midday	Nov 12 close
Oryx Energy Co	23¼	22¾
Owens Corning	48¾	48¼
PNC Financial	28¾	28¼
PPG Industries	71	71
Paccar Inc	69¾	69¾
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	24¾	24¾
Pac Gas & Elect	33¾	33¼
Pac Telesis	55¾	55¾
Pall Corp	20¾	20¾
Panhandle East	21¾	21¼
Paramnt Comm	81¼	83
Parker Hannifin	37¼	36¼
Penney (JC)	52¼	51¾
Pennzoil	57	57¼
Pepsico	39	39
Pfizer	66¼	65¼
Phelps Dodge	45¼	45¾
Philadel Elec	27¼	27¼
Philip Morris	58¼	59
Phillips Pet	30¾	31¼
Pitney Bowes	41¼	41¼
Polaroid	35¾	35¼
PriceCostco	19	18¾
Primerica	41¼	41¼
Procter & Gmbl	56	56¼
Pub Serv E & G	31¼	32
Quaker Oats	71¼	71¼
Ralston Purina	37¼	37¾
Raychem Corp	36¾	36¼
Raytheon	61¼	61¾
Reebok Intl	32¼	31¼
Reynolds Metals	45¾	45¼
Roadway Srvcs	66¾	66¾
Rockwell Intl	34¼	34¼
Rohm & Haas	53¾	53¼
Royal Dutch	104¼	103¼
Rubbermaid	34	33¼
Safeco Corp	59	59
St Paul's Cos	89¾	89¾
Salomon Inc	44¼	45
Santa Fe Pac	21¼	20¾
Sara Lee Corp	27¼	27¼
Scecorp	20¾	20¾
Schering Plough	67¼	67¾
Schlumberger	61¾	62¼
Scott Paper	37¼	38
Seagram	27¾	27¾
Sears Roebuck	56¾	56¼
Shell Trans	62¾	62
Sherwin Wllms	35¼	35¾
Skyline Corp	17¾	17¼
Snap-On-Tools	38¾	38¾
Southern Co	42¼	42¾
Sthwestern Bell	40¼	40¼
Sprint Corp	34¾	34¾
Stanley Works	40¼	40¼
Sun Company	32	32¾
Suntrust	44	44
Supervalu	33¾	33¼
Syntex Corp	17¾	17¼
Sysco Corp	29	29
TRW Inc	65¾	65¼
Tandem Corp	11¼	11¼
Tandy Corp	47¼	46¼
Telecom Corp	3¼	3¼
Teledyne	25¼	25¼
Temple Inland	49¾	50¼
Tenneco	51	50¼
Texaco	65¼	65¾
Texas Inst	66	65¾
Texas Utilities	42¾	43
Textron	56	55¼
Time Warner	44¾	44¾
Times-Mirror	32¼	32¼
Timken	31¾	32¼
Torchmark	42¾	42¾
Toys R Us	42	42¾
Transamerica	55¾	55¼
Travelers Corp	33	33¼
Tribune	54¼	54¼
Tyco Labs	49¾	49¾
UAL Corp	148¼	148¼
UST Inc	27¼	27¼
USX Marathon	18	17¾
Unilever NV	112¼	110¾
Union Camp	48	47¾
Union Carbide	20¾	20¾
Union Pacific	63¾	63¼
Unisys Corp	11¼	11¼
USAIR Group	14	13¼
USF&G Corp	13¾	13¼
US Life	39¾	39¼
US West	46¾	46¾
United Tech	63¼	64¼
Unocal Corp	27¾	27¾
Upjohn	32¼	32¾
VF Corp	41¾	41¾
WMX Tech	23¾	24
Wal-Mart Stores	29¾	29¾
Warner-Lambert	69¼	69¾
Wells Fargo	113¾	113¾
Westinghouse El	14	14¾
Weyerhaeuser	43¾	44¼
Whirlpool	62¾	62¾
Whitman	16¼	16¾
Winn Dixie	54¼	54
Woolworth	22¾	22¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43¾	42¾
Xerox	81¼	81¾

RECENT ISSUES

Abacus (140)	162	...
Abtrust Emrg Economics	91	...
-do- Warrants	51	...
Allders (170)	181	...
BSM (170)	160	-2
BZW Endwmnt Fnd (100)	51	-1
Cantab Pharmas (460)	435	...
CentreGold (125)	147½	-2½
Charles Sidney (110)	99	-4
Cleveland Trust (100)	110	...
Coal Invs	14½	...
Crest Packaging	136	...
Dellan Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	98	-1
Finsbury Udrwriting Inv	107	...
Fleming Chinese Inv (100)	98½	...
Fleming Chinese Wts	55	...
For & Col Emerg Mkts Wts	55	...
Gartmore *Shared* Eqty Tst	104	+1
Gartmore Shared 0 Pf	102¼	...
HCG Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	99	-1
HTR Japanese Smler (100)	89½	-2½
HTR Japanese Wts	47	-1
Hiscox Select In Fd (100)	107	-2
London Fin & Inv Wts	13	-1
Parkdean Leisure (120)	135	...
Rothmans Intl Uts	418	...
Roxboro (230)	246	+1
Scotia (290)	300	...
Smler Co Inv Tst C (135)	141	...
Towry Law (190)	191	-2
Vendome Luxury Units	312	-2
Virtuality Grp (170)	255	...
Wiggins Group	3½	+¼

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ashtead n/p (280)	37	-5
Comac n/p (85)	9	+3
Elliott (B) N/P (63)	4pm	...
Eng & O/seas Prop n/p (35)	1½	...
Ferromet n/p (¼)	1¼	+¼
IMC Inds n/p (3¼)	¼	...
Siebe n/p (485)	63	-7
Wentworth n/p (2½)	¼	...
Wescol n/p (15)	3	...
Wilson Bowden n/p (375)	39	-2
Wyevale Garden n/p (152)	20	-3

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	12,000	Cadbury	825	MEPC	1,600	Scot Power	2,800
Abbey Natl	2,300	Caradon	612	Marks Spr	2,000	Sears	901
Alld-Lyons	1,200	Carlton Cms	569	NFC	198	Svrn Trent	1,200
Anglian W	576	*Coats Vyla*	2,700	*NatWst Bk*	3,300	*Shell Trans*	2,000
Argyll Gp	4,400	Cm Union	568	Nat Power	3,700	Siebe	1,800
Arjo Wiggn	286	Courtaulds	1,000	Nth Wst W	554	SmKl Bch	4,100
AB Foods	136	Enterpr Oil	568	Nthrn Fds	517	Smith Nph	3,500
BAA	447	Forte	2,500	P & O	1,400	Sthern Elec	79
BAT Inds	6,200	GRE	644	Pearson	2,500	Std Chartd	856
BOC	1,200	GUS	1,400	PowerGen	604	Sun Allnce	724
BP	6,000	Gen Acc	449	Prudential	2,000	TI Gp	617
BT	2,000	Gen Elec	3,300	RMC	163	TSB	2,200
BTR	6,000	Glaxo	4,200	RTZ	3,000	Tesco	4,100
Bk of Scot	397	Granada	389	Rank Org	1,000	Thames W	137
Barclays	4,400	Grand Met	3,000	Reckitt Col	665	Thrn EMI	810
Bass	1,700	Guinness	2,700	Redland	1,800	Tomkins	2,800
Blue Circle	1,500	HSBC	2,400	Reed Intl	1,000	Unilever	1,500
Boots	1,400	Hanson	2,700	Rentokil	91	Utd Bisc	1,400
Bowater	2,200	ICI	2,000	Reuters	702	Vodafone	878
Brit Aero	1,100	Inchcape	919	Rolls Royce	2,600	Wrbrg (SG)	263
Brit Airwys	4,900	Kingfisher	815	Ryl Ins	956	Wellcome	711
Brit Gas	3,000	Ladbroke	5,500	Ryl Bk Scot	3,100	Whitbd 'A'	805
Brit Steel	8,900	Land Secs	452	Sainsbury	2,000	Wlms Hld	1,300
Burmah Cstrl	76	Legal & Gn	504	Schroders	2	Wolseley	377
Cable Wire	2,700	Lloyds Bk	1,400	Scot & New	847	Zeneca	2,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3679.48 (-5.03)
S&P Composite .... 464.34 (-1.05)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 18074.61 (-418.94)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9733.34 (+32.09)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 137.9 (+2.5)

Sydney: AO .... 2082.9 (+8.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2049.11 (+34.10)

FT 30 share: .... 2346.3 (+2.6)

Brussels:
General .... 7008.26 (+14.52)

Paris: CAC .... 587.46 (+5.30)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 626.30 (-1.60)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1524.77 (-2.71)
FT 500 .... 1630.52 (-2.13)
FT Gold Mines .... 243.2 (-6.4)
FT Fixed Interest .... 123.34 (-0.01)
FT Govt Secs .... 103.07 (+0.33)
Bargains 28523
SEAQ Volume 493.6m
USM (Datastrm) .... 149.28 (-0.31)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 8	November 19	February 10	February 21

Call options were taken out on 15/11/93: Aegis, Avesco, Betterware, J Bibby, BTR Wts 93/94, Charles Sidney, Cluff Resources, Crockfords, Hanson Wts, Kewill Systems, Ladbroke, MR Data Management, Medeva, Oriflame, Pacer Systems, Raine Eng.
Puts & Calls: Allders, BT p/p, Lloyds Bank, Morrison Supermarkets.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 66630)	Dec 93	3111.5	3123.0	3093.0	3097.0	10871
	Mar 94	3131.0	3138.5	3127.0	3115.0	2753
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 373119)	Dec 93	94.47	94.48	94.43	94.44	12398
	Mar 94	94.66	94.68	94.63	94.64	7347
	Jun 94	94.71	94.71	94.68	94.69	2243
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 12932)	Dec 93	96.47	96.48	96.46	96.47	691
	Mar 94	96.42	96.42	96.42	96.42	93
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 717443)	Dec 93	93.90	93.93	93.90	93.92	24407
	Mar 94	94.60	94.63	94.60	94.62	20471
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 106518)	Dec 93	114-29	114-30	114-22	114-23	35679
	Mar 94	114-07	114-07	114-03	114-01	163
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	114.86	114.86	114.74	114.74	159
	Mar 94	114.12	114.13	113.95	113.96	1995
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 180434)	Dec 93	99.80	100.03	99.78	99.84	90479
	Mar 94	99.87	100.10	99.87	99.90	4771
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 24151)	Dec 93	102.69	102.86	102.69	102.77	2880
	Mar 94				102.93	0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 33573)	Dec 93	93.19	93.23	93.17	93.20	2120
	Mar 94	93.93	93.96	93.91	93.95	694
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 51270)	Dec 93	95.62	95.62	95.57	95.57	3944
	Mar 94	96.11	96.16	96.10	96.10	3390
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 94843)	Dec 93	115.70	115.76	114.75	115.00	30663
	Mar 94	115.24	115.35	114.80	114.83	430

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.2 (day's range 81.1-81.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8190-2.8257	2.8198-2.8233	par-⅛ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	53.61-53.84	53.61-53.71	13-17ds	39-46ds
Copenhagen	10.0230-10.0660	10.0350-10.0570	1⅜-2⅜ds	5⅛-6⅞ds
Dublin	1.0570-1.0599	1.0576-1.0599	6-8ds	16-23ds
Frankfurt	2.5116-2.5176	2.5141-2.5174	par-⅛ds	¼-½ds
Lisbon	256.72-258.27	256.72-257.35	90-205ds	340-420ds
Madrid	204.08-204.77	204.47-204.69	67-77ds	190-206ds
Milan	2476.80-2484.70	2476.80-2480.90	6-8ds	20-22ds
Montreal	1.9627-1.9747	1.9699-1.9728	0.31-0.21pr	0.53-0.41pr
New York	1.4900-1.4918	1.4900-1.4910	0.34-0.32pr	0.83-0.80pr
Oslo	10.9230-10.9520	10.9250-10.9480	1-¼pr	1-½pr
Paris	8.7350-8.7720	8.7350-8.7570	⅝-1ds	2¼-2¾ds
Stockholm	12.1740-12.2520	12.1740-12.2130	1¼-2⅝ds	4¼-5⅜ds
Tokyo	157.47-159.02	158.75-159.02	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1¼pr
Vienna	17.67-17.72	17.68-17.72	½-1⅜ds	2⅛-4⅛ds
Zurich	2.2205-2.2254	2.2215-2.2246	¼-⅛pr	⅝-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4875-1.4907
Australia dollar	2.2857-2.2899
Bahrain dinar	0.5555-0.5675
Brazil cruzeiro*	297.78-299.18
Cyprus pound	0.7525-0.7685
Finland markka	8.6095-8.7255
Greece drachma	356.75-363.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.5234-11.5287
India rupee	46.27-47.23
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4395-0.4495
Malaysia ringgit	3.7986-3.8014
Mexico peso	4.70-4.81
New Zealand dollar	2.7692-2.7737
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.527-5.635
Singapore dollar	2.3763-2.3786
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4402-6.5938
S Africa rand (com)	5.0061-5.0140
U A E dirham	5.4105-5.5345

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5325-1.5349
Austria	11.86-11.87
Belgium (Com)	36.02-36.08
Canada	1.3227-1.3232
Denmark	6.7370-6.7440
France	5.8730-5.8760
Germany	1.6870-1.6880
Hong Kong	7.7250-7.7260
Ireland	1.4065-1.4080
Italy	1664.50-1665.50
Japan	105.66-105.71
Malaysia	2.5465-2.5475
Netherlands	1.8939-1.8944
Norway	7.3384-7.3404
Portugal	172.70-172.90
Singapore	1.5931-1.5941
Spain	137.25-137.30
Sweden	8.1916-8.2016
Switzerland	1.4900-1.4910

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 4 Week fixed: 5⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 9/16-5 11/32	5½-5 15/32	5 11/32-5⅛	5 9/32-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5 21/32-5 19/32	5⅝-5 9/16	5 19/32-5 17/32	5 17/32-5 15/32	5⅝-5 7/16
Interbank:	5 21/32-5 19/32	5⅝-5 9/16	5 19/32-5 17/32	5 17/32-5 15/32	5⅝-5 7/16

Overnight: open 6, close 4½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5 11/16	n/a	5 9/16	5½	5 7/16
Sterling CDs:	5⅝-5 11/16	5 21/32-5 19/32	5 19/32-5 17/32	5½-5 7/16	5 15/32-5⅜
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.37-3.34	3.41-3.38	3.62-3.58
Building Society CDs:	5 21/32-5 19/32	5 21/32-5 19/32	5 19/32-5 17/32	5 17/32-5 15/32	5 15/32-5 7/16

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 29, 1993 Agreed rates Nov 24, 1993 to Dec 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.06%. Reference rate Oct 1, 1993 to Oct 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.82%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3 1/16-2 15/16	3 1/16-2 15/16	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3¼-2¾
Deutschemark:	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	6⅝-6½	6-5⅞	7-6
French Franc:	7-6¾	6 11/16-6 9/16	6 13/16-6 11/16	6 7/16-6 5/16	7½-6½
Swiss Franc:	4⅝-4½	4 9/16-4 7/16	4½-4⅜	4⅜-4¼	5-4
Yen:	2⅜-2¼	2⅜-2¼	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2½-1½

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $373.40-373.80 Close: $373.80-374.30 High: $375.50-376.00 Low: $372.40-372.90 Krugerrand: $373.00-375.00 (£249.00-251.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-89.50 (£58.00-60.00) New $87.50-89.50 (£58.00-60.00)
Platinum: $374.05 (£251.20) **Silver:** $4.53 (£3.035) **Palladium:** $129.50 (£86.95)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	550	23½	34	40	23	30	42
(*551½)	600	7	15	21	60	67½	74½
Argyll	260	15	24	28	14	18	25½
(*263)	280	7	15½	19½	27½	30½	37½
ASDA	50	6	7	9	3½	5	6
(*51)	60	2	3½	5½	10½	12	13½
Boots	500	33	45½	54½	11½	18½	27½
(*516)	550	9½	21½	29½	40½	46	54
Br Airways	390	24	35½	42	17½	22	31½
(*397)	420	11½	21½	29	36	39½	48½
BP	330	30	36	42½	5½	10½	13½
(*351)	360	12½	19½	26	18	23	27
Br Steel	120	10	14	18	7	10½	13
(*122)	130	6	9½	13½	13½	16½	18½
C & W	475	30	42½	54½	15½	22	29½
(*487)	500	17½	29½	42	29	35	42½
CU	550	56½	63	71	4½	14	16
(*594½)	600	21½	30½	41	22	35	37
ICI	681	35	—	—	19	—	—
(*689)	750	10½	17½	27½	65½	85½	89½
Kingfishr	650	35½	52½	61½	17	27½	38½
(*661½)	700	13	28½	38	46½	55	65½
Land Sec	700	30	46½	53½	17	23½	35½
(*715)	750	9	22½	29½	48½	52½	64½
M & S	390	24½	33	38	9½	14	20
(*401)	420	9½	18	23½	26	29	35½
Nat West	550	28½	37	47½	17	30½	36
(*556)	600	8½	16½	26	49½	63	66½
Sainsbury	360	23	33	41	14	20½	27
(*366)	390	10	19½	26	34	38	44½
Shell	650	55	62	70	6	15½	20
(*692)	700	22	31	42	23	38½	43
Smkl Bch	390	32	43	51½	14	23½	29½
(*402½)	420	17½	28½	38	30½	39	49½
Storehse	180	13½	18	21½	7	11	14
(*185½)	200	5	9	12	18½	23½	26
Trafalgar	90	9	12½	15	5	6½	9½
(*95)	100	4½	8	10½	11	12½	15
Unilever	1100	39	56½	72½	32	51	57
(*1103½)	1150	19½	33	51	63½	81	86½
Zeneca	750	45	57	68½	20½	42	49
(*765)	800	21	32½	40½	48½	70½	77½
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	390	23½	30	36	21	26	30
(*393)	420	11	17	24	41½	45	48½
Ladbroke	160	15½	18½	21½	9½	15½	17
(*163)	180	7	10½	13	20	29	30
Utd Bisc	300	40	44	47½	9½	11	15
(*328½)	330	21	25½	30½	16	26	29½

November 15, 1993 Tot: 30291 Calls 18871 Puts 11420 FT-SE Calls 6565 Puts 5929
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Nov	Jan	Apr	Puts Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	900	14	30½	52½	10½	29½	38½
(*902)	950	1½	12	30	51½	63	69
Thames W	500	20½	33	45½	2½	9½	15½
(*517)	550	1	10½	20½	34	37	41
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	500	19½	38	44	3	16½	28
(*515½)	525	6	—	—	14½	—	—
BTR	330	25½	33½	36½	1	5	10½
(*353½)	360	3½	15	18½	9½	17	24
Br Aero	420	15½	39	50	9	31½	39
(*426½)	460	2	23	33	37½	55½	63
Br Telcm	460	8½	19	28	4½	18	22
(*463½)	500	1	5½	12	38½	47	48½
Cadbury	453	22	34½	39½	2	10½	19½
(*471½)	493	2	15	18½	24½	31	42
Guinness	420	13	30½	37½	4	15½	25
(*428)	460	1½	12½	19	35	39½	49
GEC	330	9	18½	26½	2½	12½	15½
(*336)	360	1	7	13	26	31	33
Hanson	260	17	21½	24	1	6	9
(*275½)	280	2½	10	13½	7	15	19
LASMO	130	4	14½	17½	4	10½	15½
(*130)	140	1½	9½	13	12	17	21
Lucas	160	16½	23½	25	1	6½	9½
(*175)	180	2	11½	15	8	16½	19
Pilkingtn	140	10	15	19	1½	7	10½
(*148)	160	1½	6½	10½	13	20	22½
Prudential	330	8½	22	25½	4	12½	19
(*334½)	360	1	8½	12	27	30½	38
Redland	500	33	52	59	2	12½	26½
(*530½)	550	3½	24	32½	23	35½	52½
Royal Ins	288	20½	31	—	1	6½	—
(*306½)	317	2½	14½	—	13½	19½	—
Tesco	180	7½	17½	23	3	8	14½
(*185)	200	1½	8	13½	—	19	27
Vodafone	500	41	61½	77	2	18½	27
(*538)	550	8	33½	51	20½	42½	51½
Williams	300	27	36	40	1	5½	11½
(*325)	330	4	17	22	8½	17	26

FT-SE INDEX (*3093)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Nov	144	96	49	16	3	1½
Dec	168	126	89	59	37	22
Jan	189	151	116	86	63	43
Feb	209	171	138	107	82	60
Jun	—	215	—	155	—	109
Puts						
Nov	1½	3	9	28	70	118
Dec	20	29	43	63	92	128
Jan	37	49	65	85	113	145
Feb	50	61	78	98	124	154
Jun	—	96	—	136	—	190

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	21½	31½	35½	5½	16	21
(*402½)	420	6	16	21½	22	32½	37½
Amstrad	50	5½	8	9½	2½	4½	6
(*53)	60	1½	4	5½	8½	10½	12½
Barclays	550	41½	55½	62½	5½	17	22½
(*581½)	600	12	26	36½	27	40½	47
Blue Circ	280	21½	35	38	5	12	19
(*294½)	300	9	22	25½	14	21½	29½
Br Gas	300	23½	31	35	3	6½	12
(*319)	330	5	14	18	15½	19½	26½
Dixons	260	22	32	38	6	14	18
(*274½)	280	11	21	27½	14½	23½	28
Forte	220	16½	25½	28½	4	10½	16
(*230½)	240	5½	15½	18½	14½	20½	27
Hillsdwn	140	8½	16	18½	5	9½	15½
(*143)	160	2	7	9½	19	22	29
Lonrho	120	12	17½	20	4	9	11
(*127)	130	6	12½	15½	8½	14½	16
Sears	110	10	14½	16	2	4	6
(*118)	120	4	8½	10½	5½	8	11
Thrn Eml	900	45	62½	82	12	29½	38½
(*927½)	950	18	37	55½	36½	57½	64
Tomkins	220	20½	26½	31	3	8	11
(*236)	240	6½	15	19½	11	17	20½
TSB	200	22	25½	29	2	6½	9
(*218)	220	7½	13½	18	8½	15½	18
Wellcome	650	37	64	78	21	38	48½
(*662½)	700	17	41½	56	50½	65½	75
Series		Dec	Apr	Jul	Dec	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	600	56	77½	96	9½	30½	41½
(*641)	650	26	51½	71	30	55	66
HSBC	750	30½	57½	69½	21½	48	59½
(*756½)	800	10½	33½	47½	52½	78	88½
Reuter	1600	73½	125	156	31	74	92½
(*1632½)	1650	45½	97½	129	55	98	117
Series		Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
R-Royce	156	12½	17½	—	4½	8½	—
(*163)	176	3½	9	—	16½	20	—
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	140	12	21½	25½	6	11½	17½
(*149)	160	4	12½	17	19	23½	30½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	550	31	43	52	1½	13	17½
(*579½)	600	2	16	26	24	38	42½
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	390	18½	29½	36½	7	14	20
(*399)	420	5½	15	21½	24½	30	36
Scot Pwr	390	14	21½	30	8	16½	18
(*394)	420	3	9½	16½	28	34½	36½

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: Cocoa, after limping in the minus column throughout early trading, took heart from a firmer New York market and evidence of fresh fund and speculator buying, pushing through the old high of 991 stg to peak at 997 stg, basis near March. Coffee was also supported by a firmer New York market which was in turn bolstered by the result of the latest Brazilian auction.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA
Dec .... 950-949 Mar .... 971 BID
Mar .... 996-995 May 972-970
May .... 991 SLR Jul 974-970
Jul .... 991-989 Sep .... 975 BID
Sep 991-990
Dec .... 968-967 Volume: 6730

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Nov .... 1214-1210 Jul 1202-1197
Jan .... 1229-1225 Sep 1202-1197
Mar .... 1212-1210 Nov 1202-1197
May .... 1202-1200 Volume: 1623

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)
Oct 10.64-10.78
Spot: 254.4 Jan .... unq
Mar .... 10.27-10.40 Mar .... unq
May .... 10.60-10.70 May .... unq
Jul .... 10.86-10.94 Volume: 31

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Aug 283.3-81.5
Spot: 279.5 Oct 271.3-69.5
Dec .... 280.3-76.9 Dec 272.2-69.0
Mar .... 275.3-74.4 Mar 275.3-72.0
May .... 278.6-77.0 Volume: 650

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	71.71	85.29	118.55
(+/-)	-0.89	+3.94	-2.39
Eng/Wales:	71.86	85.35	118.27
(+/-)	-0.84	+4.75	-2.50
(%)	-28.2	-23.8	-38.9
Scotland:	58.55	84.58	124.73
(+/-)	-10.46	+0.19	+2.29
(%)	-71.7	-74.0	-73.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)
Open Close Open Close
Aug .... unq — Mar .... unq —
Sep .... unq — Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Nov 97.40
Jan 99.55
Mar 101.40
May 103.35
Jun 104.50
Volume: 209

BARLEY (close £/t)
Nov 100.50
Jan 103.80
Mar 105.75
May 92.75
Sep 94.65
Volume: 19

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug .... unq
Oct .... —
Dec .... —
Feb .... —
Apr .... —
Volume: 0

POTATO
(£/t) Open Close
Mar .... unq 99.0
Apr 88.9 90.3
May 105.0 106.0
Volume: 228

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Dec 60.25-60.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A Spanish buyer acquired three North Sea cargoes and thus helped to mop up the overhang.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.20	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Dec)	15.40	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jan)	15.80	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	16.65	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.00	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	170 (-2)	173 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	*164 (+3)*	*165 (+3)*
Non EEC 1H Dec	168 (+2)	170 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jan	167 ...	169 ...
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	148 (-1)	150 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL
Dec .... 163.00-63.25 Mar 160.25-60.50
Jan .... 162.00-62.25 Apr 159.50-60.00
Feb .... 161.25-61.50 May 159.50-60.50
Vol: 9569

BRENT (6.00pm)
Dec .... 15.43-15.45 Mar 16.27-16.28
Jan .... 15.81-15.82 Apr 16.44-16.46
Feb .... 16.07-16.09 Vol: 25043

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Dec .... 160.00-62.50 Mar .... unq
Jan .... unq Apr .... unq
Feb .... unq Vol: 70

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 93	unq	...	1320
Dec 93	1315	1315	1315
Jan 94	1315	1315	1315
Apr 94	unq	—	1323

Vol: 15 lots. Open inrst: 2014 Index 1315 -2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1638.0-1639.0	1661.0-1662.0	863925
Lead ($/tonne)	395.50-396.00	410.00-410.50	52275
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	932.50-933.00	950.50-951.50	344300
Tin ($/tonne)	4630.0-4633.0	4680.0-4682.0	7805
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1050.0-1050.5	1072.0-1072.5	1290300
Nickel ($/tonne)	4562.0-4565.0	4620.0-4625.0	71460

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Malcolm Rifkind, centre, does not have the experience of the services, which has helped Sir Peter Parker, left, and Sir John Nott in business

Discipline of business can benefit the armed services

Defence may not be seen as a profit and loss account, but a balance sheet approach might assist. **Christian Preston** reports

Tribal skirmishes between the Treasury and defence chiefs of staff resumed last week on whether the services would benefit from being run more along the lines of a business. The news that Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, has appointed an independent committee of defence experts and businessmen came after Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon's public statement last Monday that the defence interest is not something which can be "added up in a profit and loss account". By playing off defence against business, the Treasury, if not Mr Rifkind's committee, is ignoring the close historical relationship that links the two establishments. According to Sir Michael Angus, an ex-serviceman and chairman of Whitbread: "If you look back at business organisational structures in Britain you find that organisational theory has been based on military theory."

Sir Peter Parker, ex-chairman of British Railways and current chairman of Mitsubishi UK, explains the debt that business owes to defence further: "When you look at the fathers of British business, both in management theory and practice, from the nineteenth century until the 1950s, they came from defence. The steam railways were run by ex-admirals and servicemen because they were the only people with the logistics and man-management skills who could do it."

Sir John Nott, a former Treasury and defence minister, who is now chairman of Etam and of Hillsdown Holdings, is in a special position to comment on what he calls the current misalignment and mutual suspicion of the three tribes, the treasury, defence, and business cultures in Great Britain.

"The Treasury," says Sir John, "is simply ghastly. It does not understand either business or management. It claims it does, but it does not. It has never understood defence." Sir John acknowledges that battles between Treasury and defence are tribal contests between different cultures, but he detects the fading of a generation who learnt their management experience in the services and who understood defence culture. "John Major, Michael Portillo, Malcolm Rifkind, do not have that experience." Nor, of course, does the rising generation of British business leaders. Sir Michael said: "Business structures remained essentially military until the 1960s. The line and staff segregation and the tiers of authority were more or less parallel. But business has gradually moved towards flatter management structures. Nevertheless it remains the case that only one man can say 'Charge!'"

But are the new management principles and styles in business unique to business, or are they straightforward organisational advances that the military could do well to try and catch up with? Sir Michael believes that "the ultimate objectives of business and defence are different. It is wrong to apply profit and loss criteria to defence. But cost efficiencies and opportunities for improved management structures are common to both."

Although he questions Sir Michael Graydon's wisdom in making his comments public, Sir John endorses the message about the inappropriateness of profit and loss ideas in the defence sector and emphasises that the strengths as well as the objectives of the two sectors are different. To illustrate, Sir John takes an analogy from the Falklands crisis, when he was defence secretary. "If you asked a big business like Unilever to suddenly restructure its marketing and new product development systems, its sales forces and production facilities, and to move from say a European target to a South-East Asian target, and, to do the whole thing in four days as the Royal Navy was asked to do in the case of the Falklands, it simply wouldn't happen. They wouldn't get out to sea."

Defence, says Sir John, is composed of two things, "man management and logistics. In business there is a shared objective, which is profit. But government and defence are examples of institutions where there is no shared objectives. Hospitals provide another example, where there are at least 20 different cultures battling over priorities. It is impossible to apply straightforward business strategies to defence."

On the occasions when profit and loss criteria have been rigorously applied in defence, as for example in the area of procurement, Sir John believes that the country has almost certainly lost out. "The Levene review of procurement has resulted in one UK monopolistic supplier and contracts going overseas. Short-termism. The military works on ten-year strategies and, principles other than quarterly accountability need to be applied."

So, is there anything that defence can learn from business? Sir John said: "I can remember my permanent secretary when I was at defence saying to me that the British army is quite simply the most brilliant organisation in the world at getting things from A-B. In logistics it is supreme." On man management, Sir John feels that the services have little to learn from the human resource departments of large companies. There is regret but no hint of sentiment as he observes the passing of a generation "who had learnt their personnel skills inside military culture. As that generation goes, man management skills are going. The human resource director learns the theory of man management but not necessarily the practice. I have always considered it my job to be considerate towards every person that works with me from the tea lady upwards, perhaps especially her. Morale is important in business, but it is quite simply crucial in defence."

> The Treasury does not understand either business or management. It has never understood defence

Listening to Sir John one feels almost that it is business that has lost out from the sliding apart of the two cultures. Sir Peter, looking at the immediate post-war period sees a common approach to man management characterising both business and defence in that period: "It was the gentlemen hauling with the mariners, as Sir Francis Drake puts it." Sir Peter believes that the evolution away from the post-war services model for business has been anything but a smooth process of advance: "The key question in any organisation is why anyone would obey an order. Business and defence have different points of sovereignty and they have to answer the question differently, but answer the question they must. British management lost control in the seventies, and recovered its nerve in the Thatcher period. The services have retained management control throughout, and, the army is probably unequalled in technology management, but that isn't to say they cannot improve, or, that defence cuts are not required."

Sir Peter distinguishes between what he describes as the "Hanson" and the "Japanese' business culture. He places the services between the two. "Morale is the basis of good management ... Everybody is important in the Japanese management model and, it is the same in great British companies like Marks and Spencer. The services have traditionally worked in this way. Montgomery would go out and ensure that commands got through."

So, in terms of man management (human relations) there is some degree of consensus that defence may have little to learn from business, and, if anything, the reverse may be the case. But in management structure they are all agreed that there may be room for simplification or "flattening-out" on the business model. Sir Michael is a believer in flat management structures, he is, "absolutely religious about them. When I was chairman of Unilever there were four levels of management between me and my brand manager. The line and staff distinction with which we began in business after the war was being replaced by group responsibility through teams. It is quite true that only one man can say 'Charge!' But, perhaps the services might benefit by taking a look at how businesses have changed."

Sir John believes that there is room for improvement on the business model, but that it should not be exaggerated. It is on the question of the defence requirement to cover all "reasonable" contingencies that the issue of business versus defence strategies comes into closest focus. Sir John explains, "The Treasury wants defence chiefs of staff to prioritise. It's what a businessman would do. The difficulty which is faced in the services, and not in business, is that it is extremely difficult to prioritise if prioritising would mean undermining the need for a balanced defence force, and it almost always does. You can never predict."

TEMPUS

Steeled for subsidies

STEEL men are a grim lot: there is something about the product that can transform blue skies into storm clouds. British Steel's interim results were true to form as the return to profits and dividends was overshadowed by dire warnings about the consequence of failure to reduce subsidies in Europe.

The management is right to be cautious. First-half profits were helped by a lower pound, and the group is still benefiting from cost reductions achieved from the closure of the Ravenscraig plant last year. On the revenue side, modest underlying growth in UK demand is not compensating for the deep recession across the Channel, where governments continue to underwrite loss-making state-owned plants.

But British Steel's shares are singing a different tune, the price having more than doubled since the beginning of the year. The market now expects the company both to hang on to its operating margin and to drive through price increases next year helped by EC agreement on subsidies. Bulls point to the necessity for governments to agree on steel in order to head off demands from other industries, but the most likely outcome is more delay at Thursday's EC meeting and a fudged agreement on state aid next year.

Having cut costs heavily in the past, British Steel has achieved significant efficiency gains, and the business is now highly geared to benefit from any movement on the price front. While a reduction in European steel capacity might cause even the British Steel board to smile, betting on agreements in Europe is the ultimate insiders' game and all the hope value is already in the shares.

Tadpole

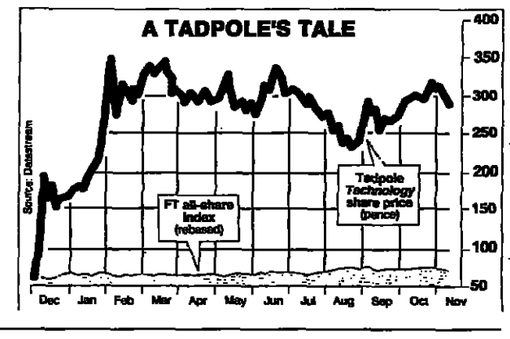
TADPOLE Technology has been the punter's stock of the year. After being placed at 65p last December, its thinly-traded shares soared to 364p in January then tumbled back to 218p in August. This is the sort of performance of which investment legends are made and penny share tipsheets crow about, whether or not they ever recommended the shares.

Courageous investors who have survived such a roller-coaster rise have been rewarded with a move into profit in the year to end-September of £749,000. Even at yesterday's comparatively modest price of 279p, however, the shares are trading on an unreal p/e ratio of 80.

All the excitement has been caused by Tadpole's portable work station called the SPARCbook. This is a more powerful version of the traditional laptop computer. Tadpole is reputedly the only company that has mastered the art of squeezing so much data into such a small space and is designing a model for IBM. As a result, Tadpole's brokers forecast profits rising to £11.5 million in two years.

This is the sort of new technology bull story that investors have made and lost fortunes on before. Tadpole's chairman tempers his enthusiasm with a warning that the timing of future growth is uncertain, and that a heavy equity issue is coming up next year.

Investors who bought early should congratulate themselves. Newcomers enter at their peril.



GRE

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange shareholders might understandably feel nervous that the group is paying $100 million for an American motor insurer. Four years ago, GRE bought a duff Italian motor insurer, the last big acquisition, and was forced to sell the business a year later at a loss of £68 million.

The acquisition of American Ambassador Casualty from Allianz is a sign of GRE's improving finances and growing self-confidence, and the circumstances of the deal suggest history will not repeat itself. Chastened by its losses during the recession, GRE is concentrating on niche markets in America, including high-risk drivers who have difficulty buying insurance from traditional sources. After the acquisition, non-standard motor insurance will account for almost half GRE's US business and 5 per cent of worldwide general premium income.

Niche markets are less exposed to the vicissitudes of the insurance cycle, and American Ambassador has made a profit every year since 1987. This, together with the fact that GRE is paying only 1¼ times net asset value, suggests a good price has been achieved, with American motor rates only just beginning to harden.

Investors should be heartened that GRE can sign such a deal even though it cuts its solvency margin by 1.5 points to 53.5 per cent. Eighteen months ago, while losses were still mounting, it could not have taken the risk, however good it looked. This week's third quarter figures from General Accident and Commercial Union will underline the point that the composites are fast recovering the wherewithal to return to the international expansion tack, for good or ill.

Tobacco

AMERICA'S cigarette price war is not over yet despite the announcement from Philip Morris on Friday of a 4 cent rise in the cost of a packet of Marlboro. News from BAT Industries of price rises on Brown & Williamson's premium brands such as Kool should follow soon, since the company is a price follower rather than a leader in the American market, and BAT shares have perked up on the prospect of some relief from the squeeze on US tobacco profits. The price rise is too little and too late, however, to contain the damage in this year's results, and BAT's profits in the fourth quarter are likely to be down to £260 million from about £430 million last year.

Neither should the price rise be read as a sign that the Marlboro man has put away his gun: cigarette manufacturers are determined to keep premium brands competitive in relation to the discounters and the 4 cent increase makes little inroads into last summer's 35 cent cut. However, should BAT follow suit, US tobacco income should get a $100 million boost next year. Shares in the tobacco and insurance group have climbed back from their low point of 420p in October but at 521p they still look attractive. There are not many companies with good quality earnings trading on forecast dividend yields for the current year of 4.8 per cent with above-average prospects for dividend growth as well.

BUSINESS LETTERS

How Severn Trent maintains a high water pressure

From Mr John D. Chadwick

Sir, Most commercial organisations bill their customers after having supplied the goods, and then hope for prompt payment. Severn Trent demands payment of its domestic water and sewerage account six months in advance of supply, and threatens legal action, and additional cost, if it doesn't receive it. I wonder if it pays its own suppliers six months in advance? They certainly don't pay their shareholders dividends in that way.

What they do is perfectly legal — but is it fair?

Yours faithfully,
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Cutting costs in administration cases

From Hans J. Hartwig

Sir, The Chancery judges told the Insolvency Court Users' Committee, almost two years ago, that they do not need an accountant's report for every administration application. It is accountants who insist on the report, even where the situation could be covered by affidavit.

The judges were also surprised by the cost of preparing administration applications for small companies.

The representatives of the professions said that they would try to provide some accurate figures, but that it would be difficult; and so it has apparently proved. I see from last month's consultative document from the Insolvency Service that "in small cases there is little available information but figures up to £20,000 are often cited".

In fact, a solicitor-insolvency practitioner, seeking to rescue a small company with a particular problem, can get an order for well under £10,000.

By way of comparison with other jurisdictions in which I practise, in a similar situation in the United States the costs could be significantly less; in Germany it would be more, but they are about to change the procedure.

Yours faithfully,
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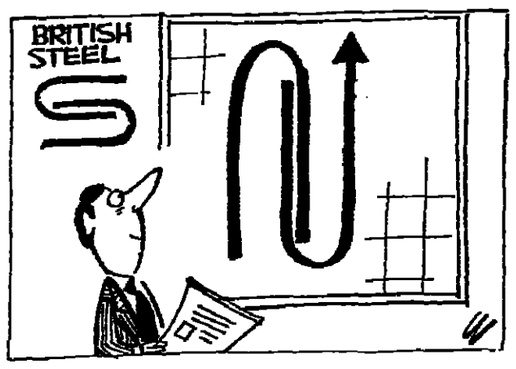
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Flying doctors keep City at work

CITY dealers are showing true grit in the face of the virulent strain of Beijing flu that is sweeping dealing rooms. Indeed, so determined are they to remain at their screens come what may that many are turning to a medical version of *Ghostbusters*, which makes house calls to help soothe feverish brows. Medcall, an independent group of six doctors, has carved a lucrative niche paying visits to Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs, Bankers Trust and other brokers, together with insurance brokers such as Willis Corroon, and their experiences make interesting reading. "We once arrived to find someone suffering a heart attack without realising it," says Bruce Websdale, who runs the service, nicknamed "The Flying Doctors", with Richard Sibthorpe. "On another occasion, we were called in by a director who was having difficulty hearing during a business meeting. We syringed out his ears, and he was fine." Websdale, who trained at Westminster Hospital, reports an increasing number of calls from dealers and brokers who are determined to stay at their desks. Medcall makes about 400 visits a month. And the best advice to the sick and poorly? "Get a good night's sleep."

Old Lady's ladies

THE year 1894 was somewhat traumatic for the Bank of England: for the first time, the Old Lady, then 300 years old, decided — heaven forbid — to allow women to work at Threadneedle Street. Although the Post Office had employed women for many years, their appearance in any bank would have created a mild sensation. In the case of the Bank of England, it caused extreme shock waves radiating through staid City boardrooms. What happened next is detailed in the Bank's museum, which chronicles their progress in an exhibition that runs until January 26. The first two women to be taken on were Oxbridge graduates with first class degrees, who together headed the department of women clerks. By 1914, there were 64 women employed out of a total Bank staff of just over 1,000. Today, the Bank employs 2,000 women and 2,400 men, although among the banking staff, women are in the majority.



Stumped at pump

CAR owners beware: the simple act of filling up at the garage is now fraught with danger. Following a recent legal case, anyone who uses a company credit card is liable to pay national insurance on the petrol they buy — unless they go and tell the petrol pump attendant first that they are buying the fuel on their employer's behalf.

Redundant fiddle

FOLLOWING the recent tale about a German motor-worker's proposals for streamlining the work of Schubert — they would, if adopted, have reduced the running time of a concert from two hours to 20 minutes — some fading notes from the BBC archives have come to light. Entitled *Report on the Future of House Orchestras*, it adopts a similar theme by noting that "excessive effort" is often used by the players of wind instruments, and recommends the use of a mechanical compressor. It goes on to highlight obsolescence of equipment, and notes that, in one case, the leading violinist's instrument was several hundred years old. "If normal depreciation schedules had been applied, the value of this instrument should have been reduced to zero and it is probable that purchase of more modern equipment could have been considered."

Rooms to book

AS QUEENS Moat shareholders pick their way through the debris of disappearing profits, they may care to raise a wry chuckle over a report on the European hotel industry by Horwath, the tourism and leisure consultant. "Britain's hoteliers are among the most efficient in Europe," gushes Horwath director Geoff Parkinson. "They had the second-highest gross operating profit as a percentage of total sales, while costs per employee were among the lowest." Occupancy levels are now higher than last year. Parkinson says: "There should be a gradual improvement in occupancy levels and profits next year."

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Intnl Gwth	31.37	33.55	- 0.20	0.77
Japan Gwth	27.83	29.76	- 0.48	...
Managed Tst Inc	47.82	51.14	+ 0.27	0.51
Oriental Opps Inc	151.70	162.20	+ 0.10	0.61
Property Shares	41.37	44.24	+ 0.02	1.84
Smaller Cos	29.28	31.32†	- 0.13	1.69
UK Growth Tst	34.33	36.02	- 0.14	2.90
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Har Global Inc	70.68	75.59	+ 0.36	1.70
Cap Fxe UK Inc	66.62	71.25	+ 0.57	2.40
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	34.16	35.99†	- 0.12	0.41
European Acc	25.06	26.95	- 0.13	...
Financial	144.10	153.50	...	2.65
Foundation	84.51	90.39†	+ 0.06	3.90
German	49.90	53.14	- 0.11	0.57
High Income	96.69	91.67	+ 0.23	6.25
Income	132.30	141.50†	...	3.89
Intl Growth	37.96	40.43†	- 0.41	0.16
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.80	108.80	+ 1.00	1.70
Mngd Pfolio Acc	193.80	207.00	+ 1.90	...
Monthly Income	78.89	84.37	- 0.04	3.98
North American	113.10	120.90	- 1.10	0.15
Orient	143.50	154.80	- 2.00	...

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Cornhill Avenue, London EC3R 7BH

Cazenove Portfolio	79.28	84.80	- 0.17	2.36
American Portfolio	90.14	96.14	- 0.71	0.96
European Portfolio	85.29	91.04	- 0.27	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	66.19	70.62	- 1.14	...
Pacific Portfolio	135.39	145.59	- 2.16	0.82
UK Inc & Growth	70.93	76.08†	- 0.02	4.14
Utility & Bond	55.25	55.67†	+ 0.09	6.27

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

UK General Tst	63.20	67.23	+ 0.60	2.71
Global Tst	58.95	62.71	- 0.03	0.30
Recovery Tst	65.47	69.64	+ 0.45	1.89

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7867

Intl Growth	130.13	136.64	...	1.82
UK Growth	104.28	109.76	...	2.41
UK Income	109.16	114.90	...	4.23

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Beckman Intl	90.04	95.13	...	1.76
Beck Bio-Tech	44.46	47.30	...	...
Accum Ethical Tst	148.40	156.20	...	1.14
City Fin Assets	66.46	69.96†	- 0.21	1.75
City Fin America	82.09	86.41	...	...
City Fin Intl	73.16	77.03†	...	0.60
City Fin Japan	164.65	173.42	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	258.30	271.89	- 9.75	2.39
Friars Isse Inc	192.38	202.50†	+ 1.16	5.04
Buckley Wrld Gth	128.10	137.34	...	0.73
Fairmnt Cap Gth	135.84	142.99†	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	111.66	117.54†	...	2.25
Fairmount Intl	151.75	159.74†	...	...
City Fin Pfflo Inc	61.24	65.15	...	3.42

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0992 412 144
Emerging Markets 52.40 55.60 - 0.06 ...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

American Gwth	58.49	62.56	- 0.32	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.69	40.31	- 0.16	0.15
Dragon Growth	71.37	76.33	- 0.84	0.52
Equity High Inc	81.33	86.59	+ 0.26	3.86
European Gwth	46.35	49.18	+ 0.01	0.89
Evergreen	29.69	31.75	- 0.16	...
General Equity	80.36	85.26	+ 0.48	2.42
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.30	28.59	+ 0.14	7.88
Japan Growth	48.26	51.61	- 0.70	...
Pedigree Gwth	48.32	51.43	- 0.34	2.17
Ped Sm Cos Inc	30.41	32.27†	- 0.07	1.02
Retirement Inc	25.76	27.70	+ 0.09	6.03
Special Sits	35.44	37.90	+ 0.06	1.92
UK & Overseas	47.73	50.64	- 0.10	1.16

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chelsea Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 898 000

Capital	62.47	66.81	+ 0.44	2.87
Income	59.52	63.66	+ 0.39	3.91

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Redfield Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PFT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	156.44	166.43†	+ 1.15	5.31
Fixed & Convertible	44.34	47.20†	+ 0.08	6.00
Monthly Inc Plus	51.59	54.88†	+ 0.06	8.16
Preference Share	51.25	54.52†	+ 0.04	6.98
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.81	134.90†	+ 0.90	6.09
Managed Fund	66.50	70.74†	+ 0.25	2.85
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.99	41.48	...	1.98
UK & General	73.50	78.19†	+ 0.69	2.77
UK Growth	126.42	137.68	+ 1.07	1.65
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	169.30	180.11	- 1.66	...
Far Eastern Gth	133.19	141.69	- 1.45	0.30
Global Bond	87.74	93.34†	- 0.21	5.73
Gold & Coins	65.59	69.78	- 0.71	...
Japan Growth	119.49	127.12	- 1.98	...
North Amer Gth	163.51	173.95	- 0.61	...
Oriental Growth	79.57	84.65	- 0.42	...
Worldwide Growth	62.18	66.15†	- 0.07	0.25
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PFT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.89	91.89†	+ 0.03	5.06
Homemaker Fund	73.24	77.92	+ 0.31	1.97
Quilter Fund	130.41	138.73	+ 1.07	2.14

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 949

Growth Inc	55.24	58.76	...	3.00
High Income	32.87	34.99†	...	4.50
Japan	34.39	37.11	...	...
Smaller Cos Inc	28.95	30.79†	...	2.40
Smaller Cos	30.12	32.04†	...	2.40
North American	32.82	34.91	...	0.60
European	33.72	35.87	...	0.70

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

Consistent UT	30.05	32.26	...	4.59

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

Equity Dist	811 70	825.50	...	3.66

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 890 370

Fellowship Tst	65.95	70.16	+ 0.18	1.85
Income	255.00	241.40	+ 0.90	3.89
Smaller Cos	137.10	145.90	...	1.14
Inv Portfolio	72.90	77.56	+ 0.31	2.04
High Income Port	65.14	69.30	+ 0.32	4.00

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 480 0177

Euro Small Cos	1361.9	1389.7	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1746.0	1869.0	...	...
UK Small Cos	1628.0	1703.1	...	...
US Small Cos	1631.2	1676.7†	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
46 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8889

Disc Inc	178.90	188.30†	...	2.90

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 335 2800

European Gwth	232.70	245.90	+ 1.80	1.22
New Asia	203.30	219.60†	- 1.90	0.46
Japan Growth	125.10	132.90†	- 1.60	...
Jap Smlr Co	509.20	541.80	- 3.50	...
Income	407.60	433.70	+ 2.20	3.70
Shintd Asia Pac Inc	112.60	121.20	- 1.20	0.50
UK Inc & Gth	206.00	220.00†	+ 1.20	3.76

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	133.50	142.00	- 0.60	2.43
UK High Inc Inc	143.10	152.20†	+ 0.40	5.82
UK Pref & Fi Inc	63.58	67.40	+ 0.43	6.54
Envrnmntl Opps	78.18	81.04	- 0.40	1.52

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

American	122.10	129.70†	+ 0.20	0.39
Convertibles	23.23	24.68	...	7.90
Equity Income	130.40	138.60	+ 0.70	3.61
EuroFund	42.25	44.79	+ 0.45	0.89
Growth & Inc	227.20	241.20	+ 1.50	3.11
High Dist	153.50	163.10†	+ 0.10	4.60
International	362.10	384.70	- 1.00	0.84
Intl Income	92.79	98.05†	+ 0.16	2.62
Latin American	37.68	40.04	+ 0.21	0.31
Pacific	79.92	84.92	+ 0.27	0.35
Smlr Jap Cos	75.62	80.29	- 0.35	...
Tokyo	213.30	226.40	+ 2.50	...
UK Smaller Cos	218.90	232.60	- 0.70	1.07
Formerly Target				
Financial	47.64	50.62	+ 0.09	2.38
Japan & General	167.30	177.80	- 1.70	...
Preference Share	34.01	35.51	- 0.02	7.14

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70538

Elcon Trust	203.20	217.20	...	...

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

Endurance Fd	192.60	204.90†	...	0.45

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 435 680

European	71.70	75.47	+ 0.15	1.79
Far Eastern	302.08	317.98	- 3.94	1.34
High Income	136.83	133.50†	...	4.83
Intl Growth	109.50	115.26	- 0.67	1.29
North American	114.64	120.67	- 0.64	0.94
Pelican	112.04	117.94†	- 0.06	3.34
Smaller Cos	73.25	77 11	- 0.17	1.95
Special Sits	85.67	90.18	+ 0.20	2.00
Tst of Inv Tsts	171.34	180.25	+ 0.33	2.10

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	186.36	190.10†	- 0.38	1.78
Smaller Cos Acc	322.72	329.31†	- 0.67	1.78
Recovery	45.22	46.14	- 0.02	2.31

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

Balanced	115.46	122.70†	+ 0.59	5.09
Capital Growth	72.19	77.42†	+ 0.22	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	40.50	43.30	+ 0.01	0.26
High Income	46.78	49.88†	+ 0.04	8.88
Warrant	55.15	59.95	+ 0.33	...
Zero Preference	30.43	30.65	+ 0.10	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
36 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 797

Family Asset Tst	70.59	75.09	- 2.73	2.80
Family Income Tst	49.24	52.39†	- 2.09	6.26

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	5.10
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk: UK	25.07	26.42	+ 0.06	3.24
-do- Europe	25.18	26.53	...	4.94
-do- America	23.96	25.24	- 0.19	0.61
-do- Acc Japan	28.75	30.40	- 0.14	0.86
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	30.91	31.21†	+ 0.01	6.50
Intl Bond	32.06	33.42†	- 0.19	5.12
Income Funds				
High Income	27.57	29.01†	...	5.03
Income Plus	118.20	125.70	+ 0.10	5.57
Amer Eq Inc	48.05	50.97	- 0.21	0.79
European Income	40.47	43.04	+ 0.16	2.81
Far East Inc	63.84	68.16	- 0.32	2.54
Global Convertible	23.50	25.07	- 0.04	2.43
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	61.76	65.88†	- 0.32	...
American	231.00	264.90†	- 1.50	...
Amer Spec Sits	109.80	117.20	- 1.30	...
Japan Smaller Cos	39.92	42.59	- 0.25	...
European	151.70	161.40†	- 0.20	...
European Opps	85.46	58.97	- 0.01	...
UK Growth	179.41	191.44	+ 0.16	...
Growth & Inc	149.60	159.10	+ 1.80	3.20
Intl PEP	33.70	35.84	+ 0.05	...
Japan Spec Sits	89.15	95.22	- 1.26	...
Japan Trust	185.50	198.10	- 2.70	...
Royal Scottish Assurance	256.30	273.90	- 0.40	...
Cap Har Global Inc	70.68	75.59	+ 0.36	1.70
Cap Fxe UK Inc	66.62	71.25	+ 0.57	2.40
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	34.16	35.99†	- 0.12	0.41
European Acc	25.06	26.95	- 0.13	...
Financial	144.10	153.50	...	2.65
Foundation	84.51	90.39†	+ 0.06	3.90
German	49.90	53.14	- 0.11	0.57
High Income	96.69	91.67	+ 0.23	6.25
Income	132.30	141.50†	...	3.89
Intl Growth	37.96	40.43†	- 0.41	0.16
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.80	108.80	+ 1.00	1.70
Mngd Pfolio Acc	193.80	207.00	+ 1.90	...
Monthly Income	78.89	84.37	- 0.04	3.98
North American	113.10	120.90	- 1.10	0.15
Orient	143.50	154.80	- 2.00	...

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
31 Sun Street, London EC2 M2QP 071 377 9262

Balanced	131.20	134.50	...	2.25
Inc Pfolio	85.07	86.79	+ 0.39	3.68
Cap Pfolio	141.43	144.30	+ 0.60	0.64
General Opps	122.50	124.69†	...	3.44
Growth Inc	29.73	30.31†	+ 0.23	2.25
Private Portfolio	407.90	416.60	...	1.47

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin, PO Box 2061, Brentwood, Essex
CM15 0DR Enq: 071 454 1454 Dlg: 0277 261 010

Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	104.90	110.90	+ 1.40	0.48
Far Eastern	159.90	171.70†	- 1.80	...
High Income	23.37	24.90†	+ 0.19	10.00
Ocean Income	99.60	106.60	+ 0.20	2.94
UK Growth	103.20	110.50	+ 0.30	2.61
UK Income	103.60	111.10†	+ 0.60	5.40
US Smaller Cos	297.60	318.80†	- 3.00	...

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

High Inc Inv	48.82	51.94	+ 0.39	4.00
-do- Inv Inc	77.22	78.41	+ 0.13	4.00
Intl Growth	68.31	72.67	...	1.24
Investment Trust	82.78	88.07	+ 0.04	0.26
UK Smaller Cos	77.90	82.77	- 0.25	1.33

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3TT
071 374 4180

American Growth	55.60	59.14	- 0.27	...
(Accum Units)	55.60	59.14	- 0.27	...
Capital Growth	491.10	525.10	- 4.00	...
(Accum Units)	501.70	536.50	- 4.00	...
Capital Inc	395.50	314.30†	- 0.70	1.72
(Accum Units)	415.90	442.30†	- 1.10	1.72
Cnntl Smaller Cos	52.62	56.38	- 0.03	0.77
(Accum Units)	55.07	58.94	- 0.08	0.78
Convertible	128.70	137.90	+ 0.20	5.00
(Accum Units)	246.10	261.70	+ 0.30	5.00
Emerging Markets	72.03	76.95	+ 0.25	...
(Accum Units)	72.03	76.95	+ 0.27	...
European	109.10	116.40	+ 1.10	0.55
(Accum Units)	115.70	121.30	+ 1.10	0.55
Extra Income	317.50	337.70	+ 0.10	3.63
(Accum Units)	454.50	483.30	+ 0.10	3.63
Financial	134.00	132.80	- 0.10	0.45
(Accum Units)	129.80	139.00	- 0.70	0.45
Gilt Trust	68.12	70.23†	+ 0.56	5.80
(Accum Units)	90.16	92.98†	+ 0.74	5.80
Health Fund Inc	162.80

Early gains lost

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 15. Dealings end November 26. §Contango day November 29. Settlement day December 6. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
439	345	Abbey Nd	403	+1	11.8	3.7	15.5
290	179	Allied Irish	276	...	...	3.8	14.1
201	130	Aus New Z	194	-2	...	4.5	...
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	2812½	+18½	...	...	...
295	177	Bk of Ireland	285 †	-1	...	4.4	21.0
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
199	116½	Bank Scotland	198	+1	4n	5.1	25.5
584	362	Barclays	582	+6	...	2.7	...
4½	2	Benchmark	4	...	...	...	...
22	15½	Carlisle	20½	+½	...	...	...
595	395	Cater Allen	550	-5	27.0	6.1	...
153	85	Cattles	140	-2	...	4.0	16.6
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2112½	-59½	...	...	...
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2462½	...	...	...	...
465	250	Close Bros	458	...	...	3.0	16.7
£140¾	9275	Commerzbk	£139¼	+125	...	2.9	...
£342¾	£250¾	Deutsche Bk	£335¼	+640¼	...	1.8	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	60	+1	...	1.0	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	448 †	-11	21.5	6.0	11.9
775	490	HSBC	756	-15½	20.0	3.3	18.1
785	474	HSBC HK	768	-14	20.0	3.3	18.4
403	243	Hambros	354 †	-¼	14.3	5.0	16.4
428	313	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.6	5.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	144	...	9.0	7.8	...
530	312	Kleinwort Ben	507	...	16.7	4.1	17.6
591	492	Lloyds	563	-1	19.1	4.2	16.1
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	95	-½	2.9	3.8	18.8
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	550	...	...	3.6	20.0
586	398	Nat West	556	-6	17.8	4.0	33.8
460	270	Provident	419	...	12.4	3.7	18.1
54	39	Rea Bros	52	...	0.5	1.3	55.3
368	207	Ryl Bk Scot	364	+8	9.0	3.1	...
1335	467½	Schroders	1218	-12	...	1.2	24.3
1088	576	Stand Chart	1034	-9	20.5	2.5	...
229	145½	TSB	218	-4	6.4	3.7	...
190	78	Union Disc	169	...	...	...	...
940	529	Warburg SG	835 †	-8	...	3.0	12.2
8000	4843½	Wells Fargo	7643½	+56½	...	2.6	...
205	121	Westpac	192	-5	...	4.1	...
325	168	Wintrust	320	...	9.3	3.6	28.6

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	552	+2	...	4.8	14.9
647	441	Bass	468	+2	19.1	5.1	10.2
299	189	Boddington	248	+2	7.5	3.8	14.5
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	439	...	...	2.9	19.2
174	129	Burtonwd Brw	174 †	+7½	4.7	3.4	14.5
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	125	...	...	3.3	33.1
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	67½	+1	...	3.9	∞
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	405	...	...	2.3	17.4
490	377	Grand Met	394	+8	12.5	4.0	13.0
427	347	Greenalls Grp	366	+4	12.0	4.1	12.1
575	505	Greene King	568	-1	...	2.7	16.1
521	388	Guinness	429	+5	...	3.5	16.0
281	230	Hardy Hansn	254	...	7.8	3.8	14.1
138	105	Heavitree▲	138	...	3.0	2.8	32.8
353	255	Highland Distl	326	...	...	2.6	16.0
3138	2538	Holt J	3113	+13	42.0	1.7	20.3
80	33	Hoskins Brew	71	...	...	...	51.1
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	300	...	...	3.0	17.1
186	126	Macallan-Glen	126	...	4.3	4.3	28.3
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	393	...	...	2.8	18.7
225	164	Mansfield	193	...	...	2.5	13.8
299	231	Mrston Thmp	272	...	...	2.5	16.4
533	288½	Matthew Clark	533	+2	...	4.2	17.8
300	242	Mrrydwn W	242	-2	7.0	3.6	19.1
545	455	Morland	518	...	8.7	2.1	20.6
12	6½	Paramount▲	8½	...	...	2.1	∞
199	145	Regent Inns	187	...	...	3.0	19.0
1088	753	SA Breweries	1065	...	...	2.5	18.0
482	393	Scot & New	466	...	...	4.5	14.5
225	181	Taunton Cider	186	-6	6.0	4.0	15.2
269	213	Vaux Group	266	...	9.3	4.4	18.3
357	225	Wetherspoon JD	324	-3	...	2.1	25.1
574½	435	Whitbread 'A'	489	+6	...	4.5	13.2
1425	850	-do- 'B'	1138	-10	...	1.9	28.6
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	469	+5	11.8	3.1	13.2
515	475	Young 'A'	475	-3	14.5	3.8	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
135	73	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
25½	12½	Albrighton▲	19	...	...	...	...
148	87	Allen▲	139	-1	5.0	4.5	31.5
120	65	Amec	112	...	3.0	3.3	20.7
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
326	150	Ashtead▲	317 †	-5	...	1.8	33.5
142	101	Atwoods	135	...	5.0	4.7	∞
276	180	BPB Ind	256	-2	...	3.7	44.0
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	90	...	3.1	4.3	30.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.6	2.8	...
108	74	Barcom	87	...	1.2	1.8	15.8
56½	32½	Bardon	37½	-1½	2.0	6.7	18.5
195	94	Barratt Devs	174	-1	4.0	2.9	∞
460	305	Bellway	453	...	12.0	3.4	∞
42	15	Bellwinch	39	...	...	...	...
449	295½	Berkeley Gp	427	...	...	1.8	36.8
116	45	Bett Bros	95	...	...	0.7	3.9
62	36	Blockleys	53	-1	1.0	2.4	58.6
306	189	Blue Circle	296	...	...	4.8	...
265	230	Boot (Henry)	260	...	6.0	2.8	15.0
106	79	Breedon PLC	85	-5	4.6	6.8	20.9
125	82	Br Dredging	124	...	5.2	5.2	27.5
86	45	Brit Fittings	81	...	1.7	2.7	...
151	69	Bryant	139	...	...	4.3	28.1
121	53	CALA	121	...	...	2.4	...
328	200	CRH	316	-4	...	2.7	17.4
43	16	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	26½	...	...	...	...
150	86½	Countryside	144	-2	...	3.6	38.1
98½	38	Crest Nicholson	95	...	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	86	-5	...	1.5	...
7½	1½	Dunton▲	4	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.3	2.0	...
278	178	Epwin	274	...	7.0	3.2	23.2
59	32	Erith	55	...	0.3	0.8	...
506	252	Eve Group▲	503	-1	...	2.5	18.2
6½	3	Explaura▲	3½	+½	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	131	...	...	4.8	30.8
50	38	Galliford	38	...	1.0	3.3	∞
61	52	Gibbs & Dandy	80	...	...	3.1	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	∞
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	150	-½	...	2.7	26.8
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
358	196	Heywd Wlm	349	-1	12.5	4.5	...
119	57	Higgs & Hill	111	...	2.5	2.8	...
58	26	How Gp	27	...	...	5.2	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	63	...	1.0	2.0	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	13½	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	298	-1	9.0	3.8	11.9
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	122	-1	...	6.6	...
103	55	Ln Clydeside▲	103	...	4.5	5.5	38.8
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	15½	...	...	...	7.0
350	240	Manders	301	+1	9.3	3.9	18.4
166	93	Marley	158	...	4.2	3.3	46.3
115	61	Marshalls	109	+2	...	4.6	75.1
186	122	Maunders (J)	186	...	5.1	3.5	∞
217	96	Mcalpine (A)	204	-2	6.5	4.0	35.3
47	23	McCarthy & S	39	-1	0.5	1.6	...
445	272	Meyer Int	444	+4	...	2.8	44.5
129	62	Mowlem (J)	120	...	4.0	4.2	...
160	51	NSM	150	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler ▲	50	...	...	3.6	23.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	150	...	...	5.6	20.0
300	197	Persimmon	284	-1	8.6	3.8	29.0
35	10	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
1625	1257½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	21.5
165	80	Prowting	148 †	-½	3.4	2.9	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti▲	1½	...	...	...	...
840	555	RMC Gp	830	+2	...	3.0	31.2
117	75½	Raine Ind	77	+½	...	4.9	18.2
36	18	Ramus▲	20	...	...	...	...
575	402	Redland	531	+5	25.0	5.9	30.9
96	64	Roskel	84	-1	4.3	6.4	12.4
295	207	Rugby Group	285	+7	6.4	2.8	21.8
68	23	Scrfld-Rve▲	67	...	...	0.5	...
161	68	Sharpe & Fisher	160	...	...	3.1	27.8
241	96½	Sheffield Insl	230	...	...	2.9	56.4
175	62	Sherriff Hldgs▲	175	...	...	1.6	26.1
95	60	Shorco▲	93	...	...	7.0	21.1
240	106	Smart (J)	222 †	+3	8.5	4.8	∞
6½	2½	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
156	100	Tarmac	133	-1	5.5	5.2	...
164	137	Tay Homes	177	...	...	4.1	21.0
130	63	Taylor Woodrw	116	...	1.0	1.1	...
633	433	Tilbury Dougls	595	...	33.0	6.9	19.4
50	14	Tops Hires▲	36	...	...	1.4	...
292	169	Travis Perkins	277	...	8.0	3.6	48.8
40	25	Try Group	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.4
23	21	Tudor▲	21	...	...	1.5	...
95	41	Vibroplant	89	-10	2.5	3.6	31.6
65	30	Ward Hldgs	38	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.5	18.3
21½	6½	Wescol▲	18	...	...	...	...
174	90	Westbury	168 †	-½	5.0	3.7	26.2
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	7	...	...	...	...
4½	3	Wiggins	3½	+½	...	...	...
437½	362	Wilson Bowdn	412 †	-1	...	2.7	29.0
208	147	Wilson (C)	181	...	3.9	2.7	31.4
194	104	Wimpey G	165	...	...	4.0	...
47	25	YRM	36	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	403	ADT	603	+3	...	...	...
246	198	Adam & Harvey	243 †	+2	13.0	6.7	4.5
92	56	Air London▲	61	...	...	7.2	∞
55	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	93	Auto Sec	137	...	...	5.6	24.6
139	84	BET Ord	125½	-½	...	2.2	5.1
113	41	BNB Res	113	+4	4.9	5.4	...
318	258	BPP	310	...	8.3	3.3	17.1
253	195	Barbour Index	235	...	8.0	4.3	16.0
35	15	Boustead	27	...	0.7	3.2	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	245	-6	4.7	2.4	17.9
36	11	Broadcastle▲	26	...	...	1.2	20.7
75	54	Brooks Service	62	...	...	1.0	...
109	66	CST Gp	95	...	...	3.7	16.8
193	150	Capita Group	190	...	...	1.5	29.7
45½	31	Casket Plc	40½	...	...	2.8	15.4
35	18½	Chiltern Capital	22	...	...	...	...
51	36	Christie	48	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	355	...	...	1.7	22.0
100	90	Comac▲	95	+4	...	2.0	24.8
37	6½	Corp Services	37	...	...	...	...
94	20	Coutts Cnsltg	84	+3	...	...	...
137	50	Dart	137	...	3.3	3.0	18.6
250	199	Davis Service	212	-1	...	4.7	16.0
110	85	EW Fact▲	104 #	...	4.4	5.5	11.7
52	11	Gardiner	25½	+½	0.4	2.1	17.7
[illegible]	215	Hays	247½	+½	5.3	2.7	∞
[illegible]	174	Hogg Robinsn	235	...	...	3.5	17.1
[illegible]	34	Holmes Protectn	34	...	...	...	2.1
[illegible]	137	Hutch Whamp	260	+4	...	3.8	22.2
2175	975	ISS B Dkr	2060	...	...	1.0	14.1
[illegible]	475	Inchcape	494	-8	...	3.6	16.1
875	669	Johnson Clean	868	...	25.7	3.7	18.9
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	175	Mide Gp	275	...	3.5	1.6	21.4
1157	893	Manpower	1114	...	1.8	3.8	25.3
[illegible]	40½	Michael Page	59½	...	...	8.1	4.6
[illegible]	124	Penna▲	124	...	...	...	...
4	[illegible]	Prime People▲	3½	...	...	...	...
142	73	Proudfoot Alex	73	-3	...	25.7	4.0
425	357	RCO	388	...	14.1	4.6	13.3
115	86	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
[illegible]	43	Reed Executive	97	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	106	Reliance Sec▲	110	...	...	5.1	23.9
[illegible]	176	Rentokil	203	...	2.5	1.5	25.3
[illegible]	230	Rolfe & Nolan	280	+3	...	3.2	15.8
[illegible]	334	Salvesen (C)	355	+2	...	2.9	19.5
30	26	Scott Pickford▲	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
10	5	Select Appt▲	8	...	...	...	...
1217	695	Serco Gp	1213	...	13.3	1.4	33.6
[illegible]	85	Sherwd Cmp▲	95	...	...	9.2	2.8
[illegible]	90	Sketchley	105	...	...	3.6	23.8
355	310	Warner Howrd	335 †	-½	6.6	2.5	17.5
45	27	Welpac	38	-1	...	...	...
[illegible]	14	Wills Gp	27	...	0.4	1.9	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	210	Allied Colloids	228	...	...	2.4	20.1
[illegible]	613	Amersham	942 †	+2½	...	1.8	32.6
[illegible]	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£112	4325	BASF DM	£108½	+187½	...	6.1	...
[illegible]	169	BTP	279	-3	...	4.2	19.2
[illegible]	£101½	Bayer DM50	£128¼	+134½	...	1.2	...
[illegible]	118	Blagden	134	...	6.5	6.1	14.4
[illegible]	93	Brent Chem	114	...	...	8.1	10.4
[illegible]	34½	Br Bio-Tech	389	-4	...	...	...
[illegible]	7	Caird Gp	7½	...	7.2	5.8	17.9
[illegible]	126	Canning (W)	156	...	...	3.6	13.0
[illegible]	365	Courtaulds	490	-5	...	3.0	19.1
[illegible]	225	Croda	333	...	4.6	4.7	9.4
[illegible]	121	Doeflex	125	...	...	4.2	20.0
[illegible]	175	Ellis & Everard	209	...	0.8	2.8	18.7
[illegible]	24½	Euro Colour	30 †	-½	...	2.4	17.0
[illegible]	150	Halstead (J)	343	...	...	6.7	13.9
[illegible]	150	Hickson	150	-2	...	3.3	...
[illegible]	563	Hoechst	£108½	-237½	...	2.1	20.6
[illegible]	145	Holliday Chem	224	+1	...	5.0	...
[illegible]	613	ICI	689	+9	19.0	3.8	18.2
[illegible]	465	Laporte	658	+1	...	4.8	19.9
[illegible]	12	Leigh	26	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	42	MTM	48½	...	...	...	...
3025	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1975	...	...	1.4	28.1
464	370	Paterson Zoch	448	...	12.6	3.5	∞
420	360	-do- 'A'	405	...	12.6	3.9	∞
296	199	Plysu	207	...	...	4.2	13.5
303	173	Porvair	295	...	3.8	1.6	31.5
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	47	-1	...	...	...
485	413	Wardle Storeys	423 †	-3	17.2	5.1	∞
535	395	Wolstnhlme R	535	...	17.0	4.0	18.3
425	330	Yorks Chem	421	...	...	2.3	22.5
300	233	Yule Catto	257	...	...	2.9	16.0
799	593	Zeneca	785	-11	...	4.5	45.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	71	...	...	5.5	...
87	42	Amber Day	52 †	-½	1.3	3.2	∞
359	257	Argos Plc	334	-3	...	2.7	28.5
25	9½	Ashley Group	10	...	...	3.3	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	90	...	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	323	...	5.1	2.0	22.4
154	94	Austin Reed	149	-2	...	2.1	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	153	-1	...	5.0	15.4
121	94	Bentalls	109	-1	1.9	2.2	...
278	148	Betterware	160 †	+7½	...	1.7	19.1
47	22	Blacks Leis	43	...	2.2	6.7	...
227	133	Body Shop	205	+1	...	1.1	26.4
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	0.8	6.6
434	318	Brown (N)	420	...	...	2.2	24.7
87½	64½	Burton	85½	-2	2.0	3.9	∞
157	126	Cantors	156	...	4.0	3.2	∞
360	295	Church	338	-2	12.5	4.6	30.1
183	97	Clinton Cards	153	-2	4.3	3.6	18.5
289½	212	Coats Viyella	263	-2	...	3.6	36.3
112	78	Colourvision▲	91	-2	5.6	7.7	16.3
181	154	C'try Casuals	166	-2	...	3.1	15.4
830	374	Courts Furnish	824	...	5.5	0.8	10.3
195	115	Crown Eyes▲	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
130	90	Dairy Farm Intl	121	-4	...	3.0	17.8
91	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	89½	...	0.8	1.1	28.7
285	189	Dixons Grp	275	-3	...	2.8	...
21	8	ERA Gp	12	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	161	+4	...	2.7	∞
273	203	Etam	237	-3	7.0	3.7	21.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	545	-1	12.7	2.9	17.8
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
563	498	Forminster	580	...	14.0	3.0	10.5
180	24	French Conn▲	130	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gem SR	71	...	2.1	3.7	∞
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	77	...	0.3	0.5	...
563	394	GUS	546	+3	...	2.5	17.5
40	23	Hampden Grp▲	23	...	...	5.4	11.4
277	30	Harmone	48	...	...	7.3	...
27½	20	Helene Plc	25½	...	2.0	9.9	12.1
75	29	Heritage▲	75	...	...	...	...
79	35	Honeysuckle▲	69	...	...	4.1	∞
161	63	Jacques Ver	156	...	...	2.4	12.0
691	496	Kingfisher	662	...	...	2.6	22.8
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
685	495	Liberty	565	...	7.2	1.6	60.5
320	241	Lloyds Chem	286	+12	7.2	3.2	∞
152	120	MFI	138	-2	...	3.4	29.0
408	311	Marks Spencer	401 †	+1½	...	2.6	20.5
580	445	Menzies (John)	572	-1	...	2.4	16.2
253	135	Moss Bros	250	...	5.5	2.8	29.4
212	139½	Next	183½	-1	3.5	2.4	21.9
41	15	Oliver (G)	38	...	...	...	...
324	197	Oriflame Intl	303	...	...	4.0	14.8
63	38½	Pentos	42	-2	0.8	2.4	8.7
313	185	QS Hldgs	190	...	5.1	3.4	13.5
58½	20½	Rhino Grp▲	58½	...	...	...	...
169	120	Rosebys	168	...	...	3.6	20.2
181	135	Sherwood Gp	146	...	...	2.2	13.2
119½	93	Sears	118	+1	...	3.7	...
41½	11	Signet Group	29½	+½	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	461	-4	...	3.9	15.1
20	4½	Specialeyes▲	18	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	186	...	...	3.4	24.0
191	148	T & S Stores	154	...	6.0	4.9	11.5
162	71	Tie Rack	144	-1	1.0	0.9	23.6
239	160	Time Products	224	...	7.7	4.4	19.1
128	63	Usher (Frank)▲	103	-1	...	7.3	8.9
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
48	34	Wensum▲	42 †	-½	...	5.6	...
119	76	Wickes	106 †	-2	...	0.2	48.2
78	45	Wld of Leather▲	62	...	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale▲	172 †	-3	...	3.1	22.6
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	156 †	-1½	...	4.0	15.7
253	223	Acal▲	253	...	...	3.1	17.6
162½	38	Acorn Compu▲	93	...	...	...	47.1
480	385	Admiral	469	...	5.7	1.5	19.8
170	104	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.4
50	19½	Alphameric	41½	-½	...	...	...
53½	22	Amstrad	53	+1½	0.5	1.2	∞
128	61	App Holdg▲	77	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	37	...	...	...	...
88	39½	Astec	74½	-2	...	0.4	...
293	243	Beales Hunter	245	...	...	4.8	15.1
9	2	Bennett & Fountn	2½	+½	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	395	+6	19.2	6.1	...
558	408	Blick	445	+15	...	2.9	17.8
1700	925	Borland▲	1200	...	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	349 †	...	6.4	2.3	22.8
478½	376	BT	464	+1½	...	4.4	17.6
228½	150	BT P/P	214	+2	...	4.3	22.1
16	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16	+½	0.1	0.8	...
160	88	Burnfield	88	-1	5.7	8.2	13.9
509	334½	Cable Wireless	486	-11	...	1.9	25.4
27½	11½	Chloride	21½	-½	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro▲	268	...	...	2.2	19.5
115	74	Comptr People	110	...	...	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	144	-½	...	1.3	14.8
433	243	Critchley	423	...	...	1.4	24.2
554	414	Delta	481	+1	...	3.6	20.1
410	205	Denmans Els	410	+17	...	1.9	17.5
620	395	Domino	434	...	7.4	2.1	14.8
65	48	Dowding Mills	61	...	...	5.1	26.1
1190	865	Druck▲	1190	...	10.0	1.1	25.4
469	358	Electrocompnts	452 †	-½	...	2.3	18.4
710	470	El Data Prc	705	...	5.1	0.9	19.3
146	43	Electron House	130	...	2.6	2.5	28.5
30½	10½	Emess	21	...	0.1	0.6	...
632	442	Eurotherm	629	+1	8.5	1.7	28.6
182	108	FKI	178	...	...	2.1	26.1
509	340	Farnell Elec	506	+3	...	1.6	26.8
91	33	Feedback▲	77	+8	...	2.4	10.0
18	1½	Ferranti	1½	...	...	...	...
280	101	First Tech	270	-2	...	0.5	22.5
270	81	Forward Gp▲	240	+5	...	1.7	21.7
22½	13½	Forward Tech	14½	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	336	+2	10.3	3.8	16.9
199	132	Graseby	157	...	...	8.7	33.0
14½	7½	Graystone	11½	...	...	...	...
46	36	Hilclare▲	43	+3	...	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM▲	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
160	118	Ind Control	155	-1	4.4	3.6	∞
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
88	26	Kalamazoo	85	+2	2.1	3.1	19.7
19	8	Kembrey	13½	...	0.1	1.4	...
349	260	Kenwood App	323	-1	...	3.0	18.1
255	47	Kewill Sys▲	255	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	28	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	245	...	...	0.4	34.5
300	205	Lec Refrig	265	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	129	Life Sciences	131	-1	3.7	3.6	14.2
285	164	Logica	270	-1	...	1.9	31.1
55	44	LPA Ind▲	52	...	...	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	200	+5	...	3.2	18.8
718	523	Macro 4	680	...	...	3.3	20.7
243	175½	Memvier-Sw▲	210	...	...	2.2	18.6
3013	1298	Micro Focus	1525	-3	...	...	14.0
227	147	Microgen	158	...	7.2	5.7	10.8
35½	23½	Microvitec▲	30½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	522	-1	...	1.2	19.1
584	98	Mitel	478	+5	...	...	...
146	108	MMT Compu▲	146	+5	...	3.5	∞
50½	16	Molynx	40	-1	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Inst▲	252	...	...	1.8	19.0
165	103	Multitone Elect	140	...	3.5	3.1	25.4
240	116	Murray Enger	235	...	...	2.1	...
3006½	2612½	NYNEX	2875	-25	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	131	...	2.6	2.5	16.9
65	42	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
277	58	Norbain▲	262	...	...	0.7	20.2
75	20	Northamber	67	...	0.6	1.1	...
15½	7½	Oceonics	8½	...	...	...	...
287	195	Oxford Inst	294	-1	4.6	2.0	20.1
83	48	P-E Internl	73	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	55	-2	1.5	3.4	20.2
90	55	Peek	76	-1	3.4	5.6	19.8
227	115	Pegasus▲	214	...	...	3.7	54.9
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1437½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1400	+37½	...	...	...
313	211	Phonelink▲	280	...	...	...	...
290	171½	Pifco	275	...	...	1.9	23.1
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	265	...	...	1.9	22.2
96	63	Plasmec▲	75	...	...	5.0	6.3
120	76	Pressac	105	...	2.5	3.1	∞
186	81	Psion▲	186	+3	...	1.7	49.4
261	160	Racal Elect	212	-1	4.2	2.5	12.6
70	45	Radamec	46	-2	...	4.1	9.8
70	31	Radius▲	37	...	2.2	7.6	12.8
92	61	Real Time ▲	72	-1	...	5.2	14.8
35	18	Riva▲	27	...	...	...	34.2
639	367	Sage Gp	434	-3	9.3	2.7	13.9
348	222	Sanderson Elec	302	...	9.9	4.1	12.9
88	49	Scantronic	72	...	3.1	5.4	18.2
181	117	Scholes Grp	172	...	...	3.6	22.3
375	270	Sema Gp	314	-3	2.9	1.2	25.5
42	26	Silvermines	40	...	...	2.9	...
51	37	Soundtracks▲	51	...	...	5.6	17.2
2675	1737½	TDK	2400	-37½	...	1.3	27.2
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	12	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	156	...	0.8	0.6	25.7
1017	809	THORN EMI	929	-1	...	4.3	19.0
152	96	Thorpe FW	131	...	...	2.5	15.3
103	46	Total Systems▲	46	-2	3.0	8.2	8.2
575	372	Tunstall	570	...	5.7	1.3	22.8
295	164	Unitech	264	...	...	2.9	62.5
11½	6	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec▲	27	...	...	1.7	15.5
585	367	Vodafone	538	-6	...	1.6	24.4
473	368	Volex	436	-4	17.8	5.1	17.9
26	11	Western Selecsn	20	...	...	...	...
280	223	Wholesale Ftgs	272	...	11.7	5.4	28.9

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	389	East Midlands	552	-4	...	4.4	10.4
622	395	Eastern Elect	580	-7	...	4.1	11.6
419	304	Hydro-Elect	388	+3	...	3.7	14.1
618	404	London Elect	572	-3	...	4.3	12.7
673	458	Manweb	636	-1	...	4.1	9.2
643	424½	Midlands Elec	596	-1	...	4.2	10.7
421	273	National Powr	399 †	+3	...	3.5	9.9
666	440	Northern Elec	612	-6	...	4.4	8.8
206	100	Nthn Ireland	193	+2	...	4.0	10.5
672	439	Norweb	621	-7	20.0	4.0	9.6
468½	273	PowerGen	464	+2	...	2.8	12.3
420	285	Scottish Power	394	+4	...	3.5	14.6
681	436	Seeboard	632	...	...	4.0	10.0
681	469	Sth Wales	640	...	...	4.4	10.7
626	426	Sth Western	583	-4	...	4.3	9.3
642	406	Southern Elec	600	-3	...	4.1	11.0
647	455	Yorkshire Elec	616	-6	...	4.1	11.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
133	47	BWD▲	131	-2	...	3.2	20.5
101	26	Baltic Plc	103	...	...	1.2	...
550	413	Caledonia	534	...	...	3.5	19.8
1800	1075	Camellia	1800	...	...	2.1	8.7
318	243	Candover	306	...	10.4	4.3	21.5
257	71	Flextech▲	250	+1	...	0.3	...
352	155	Goven	337	-2	...	4.9	9.0
188	125	Ivory Sime	142	-5	...	5.7	13.3
6½	3	LIT	4½	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaitng▲	239	-3	8.7	4.7	16.7
74	47	Manakin	74	...	5.0	8.4	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	8½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Bro	323	...	6.5	2.5	19.6
26	17	Rutland Trt	24	-½	...	4.2	14.3
340	253	S & U	305	...	10.2	4.2	11.3
83	49	Singer & Fried	80	...	...	4.7	...
975	713	Sotheby's	950	...	...	3.6	...
126	114	SJP Capital	115	...	3.0	3.3	47.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2956½	1487½	Amer Express	2087½	...	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	985	-10	...	5.4	22.4
200	92	Invesco	155	-2	...	2.4	...
282	164	Jardine Strat	272	-14	...	2.9	11.4
236	154	MAI	226	+1	...	3.8	14.3
728	389	MAM	649 †	-10	16.0	3.1	16.2
1005	633	M & G	943	-2	...	2.8	25.3
408	109	Smith New Ct	383	-9	...	2.0	5.8
83	56	Trio Hldgs	66	-4	...	5.7	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
530½	456	AB Food	484	+5	...	3.9	9.9
77½	49	ASDA Group	51	+½	1.6	3.9	12.2
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	303	+12	7.6	3.2	17.5
80	55	Albert Fisher	60	+4	3.7	7.8	∞
407	246	Argyll	363	+5	...	5.2	9.7
230	160	Banks (S C)	228	...	9.0	4.9	10.2
402	310	Barr (AG)	310	...	6.5	2.6	15.7
85	52	Bensons Crsps	68	...	...	5.2	15.3
141	106	Berisford Intl	106	-2	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	392	+1	...	6.9	34.0
52	35	Borthwick	47½	...	...	3.2	59.0
505	430	Brake Bros	484 †	+1	6.3	1.6	20.1
51	38	Budgen	44	...	...	2.8	13.4
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	472	+2	...	3.6	16.7
143	78	Carrs Milling	129	-3	3.9	3.8	25.8
196	133	Cranswick	145	...	...	6.9	10.9
22	8½	Cullens	13½	...	0.5	4.6	38.8
384	119	Dalepak	135	...	6.0	5.6	10.6
521	424	Dalgety	437	-3	...	5.9	12.5
54	22	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
248	191	Devro	241	...	...	2.9	22.9
134	99	Everest	104	...	...	4.4	18.9
383	269	Fairpak	375	...	5.7	1.9	23.1
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	74 †	+1	...	7.0	24.6
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.4	18.9
483	328	Geest	336 †	-1½	8.1	3.0	15.1
16	7	Global▲	13½	...	...	4.6	21.0
49	43	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
202	147	Hazlewood Fds	160	...	...	5.0	9.0
175	131	Hillsdown	143	-3	8.8	7.7	11.2
250	162	Iceland Group	164	...	...	2.7	10.3
131	100	JLI Group	104	-1	...	5.6	11.5
853	588	Kwik Save	590	-1	16.7	3.5	11.3
262	144	Low (Wm)	149	+2	8.4	7.3	∞
83	41	Matthews (B)	75	...	2.3	3.9	49.1
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	15	...	1.1	9.2	30.7
174	85	Morrison (W)	85	-4	...	1.2	11.1
233	177	Nichols (JN)	228	...	5.5	3.0	16.5
291	220	Nthn Foods	232	+4	...	4.5	11.5
20½	9½	Nrthmbria Fds▲	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	177	...	...	4.4	9.8
251	205	Park Foods	238	...	...	3.2	18.3
155	78	Perkins Food	82	...	...	6.8	9.4
114	47	PizzaExpress	100	+2	...	0.6	21.1
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	4	...	...	...	...
384	360	Sainsbury J	366	+1	...	3.5	12.7
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	71	...	...	2.6	12.7
225	94	Sims Food	108	-2	...	8.7	20.8
430	355½	Tate & Lyle	375	+3	12.3	4.1	11.8
273	176	Tesco	185	-½	...	4.9	8.4
211	123	Thorntons	167	-1	...	2.7	...
183	101	Treats▲	151	...	...	3.1	17.2
410	300	Unigate	372	-1	...	5.6	12.0
437	326	Utd Biscuits	328	...	...	5.8	20.3
24½	18½	Usborne	21½	...	...	3.1	15.9
337	248	Watson & Phil	294	-1	13.2	5.6	15.3

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk Hs▲	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	89	-1	1.5	2.2	21.5
250	170	Forte	231	+4	...	4.1	18.1
215	148	Friendly Hotels	152	...	...	4.7	29.6
11½	5	Harmony Leis▲	11	...	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	132	...	...	4.9	10.6
224½	154	Ladbroke	163	-5	11.1	8.6	13.9
85	59	Mandarin Orntl	81	...	...	4.2	20.1
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	...	3.7	...
99	83	-do- 7½% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels X	18½	...	...	6.4	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	788	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	56	+1	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	34	...	...	...	2.1
616	455	AAH	498	...	...	4.3	16.0
185	140	AIM	175	...	7.5	5.4	10.6
132	89	APV	102	-1	...	6.6	...
238	81	ASW	145	+1	...	5.2	...
186½	119	Adwest	165	...	...	5.5	15.9
39	10	Aerospace Eng	19	...	...	4.9	25.0
281	249	Airsprung	275	...	...	2.0	17.6
184	113	Alexdra W	179	...	4.1	2.4	28.5
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	283	...	...	3.6	16.7
48	17	Alvis	36	...	1.0	3.5	7.4
565	348	Amber Ind	565	...	...	4.1	12.9
56	45	Amberley Gp▲	45	...	...	2.8	...
107	75	Anagen	82	...	...	...	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	95	...	...	6.5	...
1005	703	Antofagasta	968	...	...	2.1	17.9
54½	37	Armour	47½	...	...	4.3	11.3
170	143	Ash & Lacy	150	...	6.4	5.3	15.3
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	...	2.1	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	503	...	...	4.1	20.1
265	168	Assoc Nursg▲	263	-2	...	0.5	16.1
687½	523	Atlas Equip	523	...	...	5.3	13.1
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	75	...	...	...	...
188	147	BBA	182	...	...	5.2	15.5
88	28	BLP Group▲	88	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	22	...	3.4	19.3	0.9
770	623	BOC	626	-5	33.8	4.8	13.7
79½	62	BSG	70½	...	...	5.7	24.5
490	383	BSS Group	488	...	...	4.4	29.2
409½	318	BTR	354½	-5	...	3.9	19.8
221	155	BWI	155 †	-½	...	5.4	14.4
50	29	Babcock	34	...	...	7.7	20.3
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	254	...	8.9	4.4	17.4
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	643½	...	...	5.2	∞
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	3.0	25.0
15	4	Beauford	4½	...	...	...	...
10	2½	Beckenham▲	2½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	33	...	...	...	...
22½	15	Benson Group	15½	...	...	2.4	11.7
707	290	Bespak	330	...	10.0	3.8	10.3
133	62	Bibby (J)	63	-1	2.0	4.0	∞
312	129	Billam (J)	262	-1	5.3	2.5	13.2
41	21½	Bilston Battsea▲	28	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	4½	+1½	...	...	...
220	118½	Birkby	218	...	3.5	2.0	20.7
45	32	Black Arrow	39	+1	2.6	8.3	12.2
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
245	136	Black (Peter)	243	...	3.7	1.9	21.4
562	129	Bluebird Toys▲	480	...	...	1.2	14.6
322	247	Bodycote	294 †	+2	...	2.3	19.2
40	23	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
565	416	Boots	516 †	+6	...	3.3	20.4
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	402	Bowater	425	+14	...	3.5	17.8
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1367	+50	...	...	...
279	199	Boxmore Intl▲	275	...	...	1.7	20.6
19	12½	Brasway	14½	...	...	4.4	...
303	204	Brammer	297	...	13.0	5.5	22.1
27	12	Bridgend Gp	21	...	0.4	...	...
123	64	Bridon	122 †	+1½	...	4.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	-3	2.5	4.5	∞
48	31	Brierley Inv	42	...	...	8.0	∞
308	225	Br Bldg & Eng	225	...	8.0	4.4	∞
82	42	Br Bloodstock▲	79	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	440	...	...	2.9	15.8
131½	54	Br Steel	122	-2½	...	1.5	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
165	115	Br Thornton	158	+3	...	2.0	17.3
268	215	Br Vita	244	...	7.3	3.7	15.0
19½	9½	Britton Grp	13½	...	...	1.6	...
805	555	Broken Hill	761	-18	...	2.3	35.9
112	78	Bromsgrove Ind	97	...	...	5.7	12.6
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	44	Brown & Tawse	46	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	124	...	6.0	6.1	21.2
34	11½	Business Tech▲	19½	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	21	...	0.5	3.5	19.8
42	31	Campbll & Arm	37	-1	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	30½	+1	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	259	...	...	5.1	17.5
343	254	Caradon	330	-2	...	3.3	26.7
169½	128	-do- pf	163½	-½	7.2	5.5	...
252	178	Cardo Eng	252	...	8.6	4.3	17.9
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2188	...	...	2.8	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	73	...	...	4.1	11.0
213	158	Castings	203	...	4.3	2.7	14.3
71	58	Cathay Intl	59	...	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	190 †	-3	6.5	4.3	11.9
753	605	Charter	730	+1	...	3.8	17.2
345	220	Chemring	310	...	...	3.4	18.7
92	45	Chieftain Gp▲	50	...	4.5	11.3	10.7
45½	15	Chillington	38 ‡	-3	0.2	0.8	...
215	144	Christies Intr	210	...	...	0.9	32.1
65	34	Clayhithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
95	55	Clayton Son	57	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	...	...	...
405	295	Cohen (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
241	179	Community H	233	...	...	3.7	15.9
246	186½	Concentric	209	...	...	3.3	17.6
288	120	Cook (Wm)	253 †	+½	6.0	3.0	15.3
233	182	Cookson	207	...	...	3.6	27.4
76	38	Copymore▲	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Crowel Pkr 'A'	144	...	...	4.9	19.5
178	92	Cosalt	123	+6	8.6	8.8	18.7
234	150	Creighton Ntu	205	...	...	4.5	14.7
48	27	CrestaCare	32	...	0.6	2.5	22.7
3956½	2937½	Dana	3887½	+12½	...	...	...
313	78½	Danka Bs Sys	298	-2	...	0.6	28.2
243	193	David Brown	218	...	...	3.4	15.5
22	5	Davies (DY)▲	18	...	...	...	...
766	632	De La Rue	754	...	...	2.8	30.0
30	16	Dinkie Heel	29	...	1.1	4.5	22.7
574	391	Diploma	566	+1	10.2	2.3	29.5
82	50	Dobson Park	82	...	5.0	7.7	14.8
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	109	...	5.0	5.7	20.1
83	57	-do- 'A'	72	...	5.0	8.7	13.2
16½	8	EFG	15	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	404 †	+½	...	3.7	16.0
38	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
50	19	Elecro	50	...	...	...	0.00
2450	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2387½	+46½	...	2.2	...
73	43	Elliott (B)	68 †	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	414	...	...	6.0	24.1
140	111	Envirnmntl	138	...	...	...	59.3
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3500	-50	...	0.9	...
77	32	Eurocopy	64	...	1.0	2.0	24.8
87	47	Expamet	65	...	...	4.6	1.5
717	499	Fairey Group	675	...	10.7	2.0	20.8
120	47	Fenner	120	...	...	...	...
69	32	Ferraris Group	69	...	...	3.2	16.2
1½	½	Ferrumet▲	1½	...	...	...	...
29	15	Ferrum	17	...	1.4	10.3	11.9
61	28	Fife Indmar	60	...	0.7	1.6	...
251	138½	Fisons	144 †	+4	...	7.6	13.4
51	29	Fitzwilton	51	-2	...	8.9	...
288	215	Flogas	253	-20	...	3.9	11.6
43	35	Folkes Group nv	35	...	1.5	5.4	19.9
86	56	French (Thmas)	86	...	3.6	5.3	43.1
234	162	Frost Group	228	...	...	2.4	29.5
88	71	GEI Int	85	...	...	7.3	...
513	434	GKN	480	+5	...	5.3	32.0
51	42	GR Hldgs	44 †	+1½	...	5.1	...
101	79	Garton Eng	94	...	4.1	5.5	...
161	103	Gestetner	143	...	8.2	7.2	6.2
68	23	Gieves	55	...	...	...	39.8
801	409	Glaxo	642	-12	...	4.3	16.8
38	16	Glenchewton	29	...	...	...	...
331	245	Glynwed	307	+4	11.6	4.7	28.9
129	66	Goode Durrant	120	...	...	5.6	...
153	102	Grampian Hd	134	-1	5.5	5.1	23.3
498	341	Granada	471	+1	7.9	2.1	25.1
447	301	Great Sthrn▲	446	...	...	3.2	18.3
117	78	Green (Ernst)▲	88	...	...	9.9	∞
19½	8½	Greenacre▲	13	...	...	2.9	12.9
17	6	Guardian Grp▲	6½	...	...	...	...
65	30½	Haden MacLn	65	...	...	3.8	23.4
94	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	82	...	...	0.8	...
290	115	Hall Eng	274	...	8.6	3.9	22.9
229	161	Halma	200	...	...	1.2	26.9
49	30	Hampson Ind	44	...	1.6	4.5	14.5
279½	222	Hanson	275½	-2½	...	5.2	14.0
231	153	Harris (Philip)	159	...	...	5.4	9.6
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	177	-2	9.0	6.4	25.6
123	38	Havelock Euro	119	-2	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
28	17	Healway	24	...	0.7	3.6	∞
13½	4½	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
410	301	Hepworth	394	-3	14.8	4.7	17.0
228	160	Hewitt (J)	213	...	3.2	1.9	16.6
57½	15	High-Point	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
165	112½	Hill & Smith	162	-1	...	4.3	22.5
19½	6½	Hobson▲	14½	...	...	...	69.8
176	87	Holders Tech▲	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	49	...	0.9	2.3	37.1
183	133	Hornby▲	180	...	...	6.3	17.0
88	54½	Howden	81	...	2.2	3.4	15.0
260	173	Hunting	233	-1	...	5.4	19.7
503	269½	Huntleigh Tec▲	448	...	...	2.8	11.4
312	247	IMI	290	+1	...	4.3	25.7
119	90	ISA Intl	114	...	1.5	1.7	17.7
205	135	Intercare Gp▲	135	...	...	2.5	14.3
286	235	Isotron	278	...	4.3	2.0	∞
665	360	Jardine Math	645	-10	...	1.9	23.5
537	425	Johnson Math	474	...	...	2.7	20.8
64	36½	Johnson & FB	39	...	3.0	9.6	12.0
177	104	Johnston	146	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	25	...	0.7	3.2	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30	...	...	...	...
178	73	Kalon	171½	-½	...	2.6	23.8
297	195	Kelsey Ind	252	...	8.0	4.0	...
645	465	Kershaw (A)	645	+5	27.0	5.2	33.5
235	75	Kleeneze	215	...	...	...	...
151	61	LGW▲	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.9
351	266	Laird	330	...	...	4.0	16.3
157½	103	Lilleshall	152	-1	...	3.6	20.0
223	97	Lincat▲	204	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	31½	-½	...	...	25.9
128	76	Linread	106	-1	3.8	4.5	16.4
280	170	Linton Park	255	...	...	6.9	9.2
15	9½	Lionheart	10	...	0.2	2.5	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	24.1
224	139	Lon Intl	144	+4	9.4	8.2	11.0
135	70	Lonrho	127	...	...	3.9	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	345	-2	...	3.4	48.3
41	14½	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
56	27	MS Intl	55	...	...	5.7	56.7
59	39	MY Holdings	47	...	...	3.4	∞
216	168	Macfarlane	201	...	...	2.1	22.8
460	379	McKechnie	413	...	14.7	4.5	∞
106	85	McLeod Russel	102	...	6.0	7.4	12.4
10½	1½	Maddox	1½	...	...	...	9.6
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
119	71	Mang Bronze	109	...	2.5	3.9	∞
26½	19½	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	...
206	124	Mayborn▲	200	+1	...	3.3	15.4
62	29	Mayflower	55	...	...	1.0	45.9
236	85	Medeva	124	...	...	2.4	10.1
118	88	Meggitt	98	...	...	4.9	16.7
125	98	Metalrax	111	...	...	4.2	18.1
154	126	Metrotect	152	...	...	2.7	21.1
98	70	Metsec▲	98	...	...	...	...
90	29	Midstates	86	...	...	1.1	12.0
28	14	Mining & Ald	27½	+½	0.5	2.3	...
515	368	Molins	510	...	...	3.5	12.3
345	262	Morgan Cble	320	+1	...	4.9	16.8
184	134	Morris Ashby▲	173	...	...	3.9	13.1
38	18	Neepsend	33	...	1.0	3.8	43.6
73	34	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
192	122	Nobo Gp	190	...	4.8	3.2	18.8
181	122½	Norcros	162	...	...	5.5	23.2
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	353	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	60	-1	0.1	0.2	...
43½	21	OMI Intl	43½	...	...	5.0	...
162	123	PCT▲	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
90	36	Pacer Systems▲	86	...	...	5.0	...
138	87½	Pentland	93	...	...	3.5	12.6
395	290	Photo-Me	318	-1	4.6	1.8	20.6
165	97½	Pilkington	148	...	...	3.4	...
87	68	Plansbrook	85	-1	3.1	4.6	13.4
154	125	Polypipe	138	...	2.1	1.9	∞
42	17	Porter Chadbrn	19	-1	...	8.2	8.7
14½	5½	Porth Gp▲	11	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	337	...	...	2.5	17.4
20½	16½	Prospect Inds	19½	-½	0.7	4.9	9.6
65	37½	RFS Group▲	63	...	2.3	4.6	13.9
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil▲	171	-6	...	0.7	57.3
850	636	Rank Org	846	+11	31.0	4.6	23.1
33	15	Ransomes	16	...	...	...	...
690	532	Reckitt Colm	647	+4	...	3.2	14.9
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
269	131	Relyon	258	...	5.0	2.4	31.0
303	208	Renishaw	292	...	...	2.8	34.7
110	55	Renold	108	+9	...	2.0	...
1688	1240	Reuters	1633	-19	22.1	1.7	27.0
83	24½	Rexmore	82	+2	2.0	3.2	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	185	...	...	3.9	20.2
76	58	Richard (Leics)	74	...	3.7	6.3	...
98	63	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.1	19.2
142	109	Ropner	126	...	8.2	8.2	17.9
136	97	-do- 'A'	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.3
38	22	Ross Gp	23	...	0.6	3.5	9.4
184	131½	Rotork	169	...	...	2.7	19.8
167	89	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	23.2
66	43	Russell (A)	63	...	...	1.0	...
29½	15	SEP Indl	29½	...	...	3.2	27.0
1087½	625	SKF 'B'	1050	...	...	...	...
60½	39	Saville Grdn (J)	58	...	...	4.7	28.9
248	205	Scapa	207½	+½	...	3.4	15.8
238	192	Scholl	199	-1	...	4.0	14.5
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
1120	917	Securicor	1115	...	2.6	0.3	42.4
835	562	-do- 'A'	817	...	2.6	0.4	31.1
745	465	Security Serv	727	-2	5.1	0.9	36.0
126½	77	Senior Eng	124	...	...	3.2	20.7
361	278	Seton Health	316	+1	...	2.4	18.5
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	145	-1	3.0	2.6	15.6
344	281	Sidlaw	315	-2	10.5	4.3	∞
574	427	Siebe	547 †	-6	...	2.4	20.5
383	220	Silentnight	349	...	...	2.9	18.9
148	102	Sime Darby	144 #	...	...	3.7	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	77	...	...	...	...
250	180	Sinclair (Wm)	183	...	...	4.8	14.2
47	36	Six Hundred	42	...	...	5.2	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	134½	...	...	4.4	14.9
513	380	Smithkline	402 †	-6½	9.6	3.0	14.5
450	340	Smithkline Uts	362½	-7	...	3.3	12.3
458	320	Smiths Ind	414	...	...	3.6	16.8
140	58	Sthn Bus	79	-1	3.5	5.5	7.5
462	265	Spandex▲	462	...	...	1.8	20.5
660	300	Spear (JW)	530	-130	4.5	1.1	9.9
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	346	+2	...	3.4	21.7
145	44	Spring Ram	53	...	...	0.6	18.1
270	203	Staveley	204 †	+½	...	5.2	11.5
172	126	Sterling Ind	170	+1	...	4.1	26.1
187	97	Suter	166	...	9.0	6.8	17.4
487	344	Swire Pacfc 'A'	483	-4	...	1.9	∞
7	3	Sycamore	3	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	54 †	+½	...	7.1	10.3
153	120	Syltone	153	...	...	3.9	20.3
374	279	TI	362	+1	...	3.7	24.7
32	12	TLS Range▲	26	...	...	1.2	...
337	211	TT Group	322	-2	...	2.6	19.8
237	201	Takare	215	+11	...	1.8	18.7
868	618	Takeda Chem	800	-33	...	0.8	15.2
64	24	Tex Hldgs	53	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	99	...	...	6.9	15.2
240	150	Titon▲	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
271	212½	Tomkins	236	+2	...	3.4	17.4
112	67	Trafalgar H	95	+½	...	4.3	7.0
116	69	Transport Tech	85	...	3.2	4.7	10.7
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	159	-1	...	5.5	19.1
275	214	UniChem	262	...	6.4	3.1	17.2
375	275½	Unidare	366	...	...	5.4	18.3
76	11½	Unigroup	13	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1105	+19	22.2	2.5	14.9
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7512½	-197½	...	2.8	12.4
915	513	VSEL	819 †	+1½	...	4.7	6.8
12½	6½	Verson	12½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	151	+2	...	1.9	...
362	243	Victaulic	268	-3	...	3.6	13.2
454	293	Vinten	447	...	...	2.0	20.9
694	427	Vosper Thorny	648	...	...	3.0	15.7
48	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	7.8	11.2
468	368	Watson Ind	438	-1	...	4.9	19.3
98	71	Walker Greenbk	94	...	3.1	4.1	24.0
258	201	Wassall	249	-1	2.7	1.4	25.1
43	22	Wrrord Wdgwd	43	...	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	296	...	...	2.6	16.7
993	600	Wellcome	664 †	-1½	17.3	3.3	∞
23½	18	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
358	260	West Hlthcare	333	...	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	482	...	9.7	2.5	16.3
353	224	Whessoe	234	-2	...	4.3	9.1
74	27	Whitecroft	72½	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10½	+½	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	120	...	3.5	...	35.1
365	295½	Williams Hldg	325	-3	12.5	4.8	17.0
41½	17	Wilshaw	41 †	+1	...	1.7	25.8
731	533	Wolseley	712	...	13.3	2.4	∞
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	36	...	...	3.5	...
59	38	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	19.1

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INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1268½	Alex & Alex	1325	...	...	5.0	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1931½	...	...	3.8	...
63	30	Archer (AJ)	59	...	2.7	5.7	28.7
183	133	Berry Bch Nbl▲	159	...	...	4.2	12.3
148	118	Bradstock	136	...	5.2	4.8	16.8
498	399½	Britannic	454	...	...	3.2	...
667	556	Com Union	594	-8	...	5.1	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1725	-20	...	1.6	22.8
50	18	FAI	47	-1	...	...	...
741	546	Gen Accident	691	-1	26.7	4.8	...
230	160	GRE	205	...	7.1	4.4	17.0
412	283	Heath C E	401	...	...	5.0	...
228	157	Hogg Group	157 †	-2	8.1	6.5	14.2
215	162	JIB Group	174	-1	...	5.4	17.8
543	408½	Legal & Gen	475	-4	...	5.1	28.9
1092	768	Liberty Life	979	-6	...	10.8	19.1
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	433	-3	17.3	5.0	15.6
397	253	Lloyd Thomp	285	...	6.7	2.9	17.7
388	274	Londn & Man	354	-2	14.7	5.2	26.1
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	419	-6	13.5	4.0	15.1
6743½	5350	Marsh McLn	5487½	-50	...	3.3	...
130	76	Oriel	127	+1	...	5.0	...
72	50½	PWS	68	...	4.0	7.4	9.0
373	282½	Prudential	334	-2	...	4.6	22.2
1138	800	Refuge	1005	...	32.2	4.0	27.8
347	248	Royal	307	+1	...	2.6	...
204	150	Sedgwick	183	+1	...	4.1	22.6
261	119	Steel Burrill	149	-2	...	10.1	8.8
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	68	...	6.5	11.9	6.0
400	307	Sun Alliance	364	+3	14.2	4.9	...
82	50	Trade Indemnity	82	...	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	314	...	12.0	4.8	39.1
773	499	Utd Friendly	631	...	15.1	3.0	27.5
242	171	Willis Corroon	222	-1	...	3.7	47.7
21	13½	Windsor	20	+1	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1846	1548	Alliance	1765	+5	45.5	3.2	38.6
283½	226½	Amer Trust	267	-1	5.2	2.4	55.4
426	304	Ang & O'seas	413	...	6.8	2.1	52.4
156	124	B2W Conv	141½	...	7.8	6.9	∞
188½	133½	Bankers	183	...	3.6	2.5	50.3
328	264	Baring Tribne	325	+1	6.4	2.5	51.4
203	131	Berry Starq	202	...	2.2	1.4	65.7
110	96½	Br Assets	104	+½	4.2	5.2	∞
83½	57½	Br Empire Sec	81½ †	...	0.9	1.4	∞
30	14	-do- Wnts	28	...	...	...	...
203	156	Br Inv	194	...	4.5	2.9	43.7
197	130	Contl Asset	190	...	2.4	1.6	63.2
195	143	Derby Inc	147	...	...	12.1	8.8
290	195	-do- Cap	268	...	...	...	...
87	62	Drayton Blue	79	+1	8.4	13.3	8.8
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	75 †	-½	1.0	1.7	...
138	84	-do- Far East	128	-6	0.6	0.6	...
127	95	-do- Korea	127	+2	0.5	0.5	...
688	576	Dunedin Inc G	665	+1	...	4.8	30.6
100	81	-do- Japan	82½	-1½	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	40	-1	...	...	...
729	513	-do- Wwde	707	...	9.5	1.7	72.8
292	222	Dundee & Lon	285	...	...	3.9	26.3
308	250½	Edinburgh	293	...	8.5	3.6	32.1
291	183	Electra Inv	276	+1	6.8	3.1	37.6
191	141	Electric Gen	184	...	3.1	2.1	57.3
114	85	English Scot	110	...	...	...	...
310	205	European Asset	310	+2	...	2.3	40.3
133	77	Finsbury 'A'	129 †	-1	3.0	2.9	41.5
307	248	Fleming Amer	297	...	0.8	0.4	...
219	100½	-do- Claver	214	...	...	3.1	42.2
340	212	Do Contl	322	+2	2.7	1.0	...
202	147	-do- Enlp	197	...	...	3.0	39.8
362	213	-do- F East	354	-2	1.1	0.4	...
331	246	-do- Fledg	326	-1	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	99	...	...	5.6	16.9
260	136	-do- Japan	215	-8	0.4	0.3	∞
291	250	-do- Merc	286	-½	6.7	2.9	61.3
307	212	-do- O'seas	282½	+½	4.2	1.8	61.2
273	203	Foreign & Col	262	-½	...	1.6	71.3
121	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	105	...	0.2	0.3	...
67	44	-do- Enterprise	66½	+½	0.4	0.8	...
233	164	-do- Eurotr	222	+1	1.2	0.7	...
131	87	-do- German	122	...	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	302	-5	...	0.9	...
168½	116	-do- Smaller	164½	...	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	231	-8	...	0.7	...
168	65	Genl Cons Cap	166	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	109 †	...	...	9.7	11.3
165	115	Govett Am Smlr	156	+4	...	...	...
116	94	-do- Emg Mkts	109	...	...	...	...
343	184	-do- Oriental	335	-3	0.9	0.4	...
286	207	-do- Strategy	262 †	...	6.7	3.2	∞
408	340	Greenfriar	408	...	...	2.0	61.3
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
143	124	Inv Cap	138 †	-½	...	4.6	26.5
97	77	M&G UK Smllr	94	...	2.8	3.8	25.9
210	156½	Kleinwort Cht	205	...	5.0	3.0	39.9
250	176	-do- O'seas	237½	...	3.3	1.7	67.5
142	108	-do- Smlr	136	...	...	3.2	33.0
690	540	Law Debenture	668	+1	18.5	3.5	33.4
302	164	Majedie	198	-1	5.0	3.2	∞
282½	221	Merchants	260½	+½	...	5.1	25.0
6667½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6150½	-12½	...	...	...
521	380	Monks Inv Tst	514	+1	...	1.6	65.1
141	105	Morg Gren Inc	127 †	-½	4.5	4.4	∞
54	23	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
60	39	Murray Euro	54½	+½	0.1	0.4	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	18	...	...	...	...
362	282	Murray Income	344	...	10.9	4.0	32.9
361	255	-do- Intl	351	+2	11.6	4.1	31.6
417	263	-do- Small	417 †	-2½	...	1.3	...
103	80	-do- S/C Inc	90	...	...	14.7	∞
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	117	...	...	...	...
3150	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	4.2	∞
157	142½	-do- S/C DP	157	+1	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	308	...	...	4.4	24.9
93	66	Nthrog Inc	91	...	6.7	9.4	16.8
346	249	O'seas Inv Tst	338 †	-½	3.1	1.2	∞
484	285	Pacific Assets	476	-1	1.1	0.3	...
399	187	Do Warrants	377	+1	...	...	...
8000	7650	Personal Assets	8225	...	190	2.9	48.6
170	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	167	...	1.1	0.9	...
127	108	River & Merc	122	...	9.2	9.4	12.2
465	350	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
435	346	Rolinco	419	...	...	1.9	...
284	214	St Andrew Inv	284	...	7.5	3.3	38.2
160½	131	Scot American	150½	...	...	3.8	31.8
284	136	Scott Asian	282	+1	...	...	...
785	225	do Warrants	775	+5	...	...	...
83	63½	-do- Eastern	79½	-1	1.5	2.4	52.2
231	183	Scottish	222	...	4.6	2.6	46.0
235½	178	-do- Mtge	221½	...	4.0	2.3	57.5
101	71	-do- Value	99½	...	1.8	2.3	∞
1648	1390	Second Allnce	1575	-1	...	3.1	39.7
93½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	89½	+½	3.2	4.5	29.6
163	109½	Selective Asset	158	...	1.2	0.9	56.8
38	14	Sphere Inv	33½	...	3.1	11.6	10.8
169	112	TR Far East	168 †	+½	...	3.7	32.0
154	126	TR City Of Lon	150½	+½	...	4.0	32.8
184	110	TR Pacific	178½	-1½	0.3	0.2	...
36½	17	TR Property	35½	...	0.9	3.2	37.2
120	47	TR Tech Inv	101	...	1.7	2.2	37.5
199	146	TR Smlr Cos	187	...	...	2.5	43.2
360	283	Temple Bar	347	+3	13.2	4.8	26.2
110	69	Thrgtn Asian E	110	+½	0.5	0.6	...
79	54	Throgmorton	75	...	2.3	3.8	30.6
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	498	...	...	...	...
242	178	USDC Invest	236	-2	4.5	2.4	43.4
114	70½	Value Inc Tst	112 †	+½	4.0	4.5	28.2
773	542	Whitbread Inv	762	-3	16.5	2.7	45.9
225	181	Witan	215	...	5.6	3.3	37.7

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	259	Airtours	434	-5	7.7	2.2	15.4
64	42	Ald Leis	52	...	3.0	7.2	∞
416	194	Anglia TV	416	+1	...	2.6	19.3
103	63	Baldwin	88	...	4.6	6.5	11.9
252	192	Barr & W 'A'	239	...	10.0	5.2	15.4
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1145	...	22.0	2.4	17.2
153	90	Border TV▲	138	...	...	3.0	12.4
16½	4½	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
80	48	Bristol Scots	74	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	-½	...	...	...
282	72	Campari	75	...	8.7	14.6	...
231	171	Capital Radio	207	-7	5.2	3.2	23.9
818	718	Carlton Comm	741	+2	17.7	3.0	21.9
215	158	Castle Comm▲	210 †	-½	...	5.1	13.9
2108	1615	Central TV	2055	...	39.0	2.4	22.4
124	61	Chrysalis	112	-2	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	553	...	...	2.9	16.5
250	175	Eurocamp	222	...	9.7	5.5	9.2
1180	380	Euro Disney	385	+15	...	3.0	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	31	-½	...	1.4	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	298	...	10.5	4.6	...
378	239	First Leisure	239	-10	6.2	3.3	16.5
588	398	GWR Gp▲	578	...	...	1.7	29.7
246	149	Grampian	234	-1	6.1	3.3	16.2
22	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	18	...	...	...	...
95	19	HTV Group	87	...	...	...	38.6
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	59	...	...	4.8	...
12½	5½	Kunick	8½	...	...	...	...
510	405	LWT Hldgs	499	-9	...	1.2	23.1
600	327	Man Utd	550	...	...	4.4	22.2
148	59	Owners Abrd	80	+2	3.9	6.1	6.4
77	33	The Pelican Gp	71	-1	...	1.9	16.6
170	55	Prism Leisure▲	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	39	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde▲	315	...	...	2.9	24.7
208	132	Ramsdens (H)	195	...	...	2.9	25.9
553	410	Scot TV	439	-1	10.3	2.9	21.6
65	37	Southern Radio	55	...	0.7	1.8	22.9
260	168	Stanley Leisure	246	...	4.3	2.2	19.4
10	5½	Sunleigh ▲	8	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	109	+1	...	2.3	5.6
78	44	Trans World▲	58	+2	...	1.7	21.2
499	274	Ulster TV	473	...	12.0	3.2	14.5
109	62	Vardon	107	-2	0.8	0.9	25.3
22	11	Wembley	17½	...	...	...	...
48	7½	Whitegate	35	...	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	218	+13	12.0	6.9	6.6
120	83	Zenith Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	5487½	-84½	...	3.9	27.8
1625	1018½	Ang-Am Coal	1525	-9½	...	6.0	7.9
2400	1125	Ang Am	2375	-21½	...	2.9	20.7
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	29	...	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	189	-8	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	37	...	...	...	∞
871	233	Buffels	821	-18	...	7.7	7.5
2½	1	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
748	546	CRA	680	-15	...	3.0	23.3
45	11	Cluff Res	32½	...	...	...	...
1406½	762½	De Beers	1337½	-9½	...	3.6	18.4
165	37½	Deelkraal	147	-2	...	1.3	16.9
96	7	Doornfontein	70½	-½	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	826	-30	...	3.5	16.3
788	120	Durban	788	+25	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	159	-2	...	6.7	5.0
175	35	E Rand Prop	92 †	-1	...	...	...
65	16	Eastern Trans	50	-5	...	4.8	10.7
604	117	Elandsrand	474	+4	...	2.5	11.7
1042	292	FS Cons	997	-45	...	4.8	13.1
80	8	FS Dev	62	-2	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1513	+7	...	2.6	26.2
101	62½	Gencor	101	...	...	8.7	∞
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	50½	-1	...	2.6	20.6
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	158	+2	...	6.3	9.9
360	78	Harmony	335	-7	...	...	...
425	87	Hartles	386	-4	...	4.9	15.4
16½	8½	Inoco▲	15½	...	...	...	...
1090	491	Impala Plat	821	+28	...	3.4	28.3
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	9½	...	...	...	...
1085	332	Kinross	1064	-21	...	5.3	∞
913	319	Kloof	700	-3	...	3.1	9.9
137	25	Leslie	103	-11	...	10.1	∞
251	13	Loraine	241	-10	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
116½	80	MIM	94½	-1	...	2.4	45.9
1307	820	Minorco	1295	-9	...	3.0	15.3
152½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	152½	+5	...	3.1	25.1
2687½	612½	Orange Free	2600	-71½	...	4.1	21.1
746	607	RTZ	650	+5½	...	5.3	18.0
637½	425	Rand Mines	568½	-25	...	7.6	∞
671	190	Randfontein	587	-6	...	4.8	8.8
192	115	Renison	173	-2	...	2.5	17.9
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1062½	-9½	...	3.1	∞
725	191	St Helena	696	-29	...	3.4	14.9
2168	475	Southvaal	2053	-74	...	2.7	37.5
119	18	Stilfontein	79	-4	...	7.9	14.4
201	58	Unisel	150	-1	...	4.1	...
6300	1800	Vaal Reefs	6062½	-237½	...	3.6	11.0
691	154	Welkom	675	-16	...	4.8	21.3
578	26	Western Areas	546	-7	...	0.9	17.4
2862½	587½	Western Deep	2800	-62½	...	2.2	13.6
283	176	Wstrn Mining	252½	-4½	...	1.9	...
1029	323	Winkels	972	-11	...	3.9	∞
84	56	Zambia Copper	65	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	55	...	...	5.5	18.6

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	117	-3	3.0	3.2	11.3
153	78	Appleyard	130	...	...	5.0	...
335	203	Bletchley Mtr	310	...	...	3.7	15.8
192	120	Bostrom	185	...	6.0	4.1	32.7
468	165	Br Aerospace	427	-3	7.3	2.1	...
56	10½	Burndene	50½	...	...	2.8	13.4
388	303	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
15	4½	Caverdale	14½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	135	...	...	3.7	34.3
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	27	...	...	2.8	15.3
267	156	Cowie (T)	236	-1	6.6	3.5	18.0
141	86	Dag Motors	137	...	5.7	5.2	24.8
155	102½	Davnprt Vern	149	...	...	3.4	18.8
330	155	ERF	327	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	131	+1	...	3.3	18.4
406	208	Evans Halshaw	402	...	11.4	3.6	61.9
280	218	FR Group	219	...	...	4.1	10.2
4306½	2843½	Ford Motor	4150	+18½	...	...	...
3450	2143½	General Mtr	3431½	-6½	...	1.6	...
75	38	Gowrings	56	...	2.0	4.5	...
247	85	Henlys	238	-2	3.5	1.8	...
1056	650	Honda Motor	950	-15	...	0.9	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	97	...	4.5	5.9	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	165	...	...	2.7	23.3
420	281	Lex Service	398	-1	...	3.5	21.8
164	85	Lookers	149	...	6.2	5.2	...
181	126	Lucas	175	+1	...	5.0	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	27½	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.1	21.1
190	101½	Perry Gp	170	...	...	5.2	...
190	108	Quicks Group	165	...	...	3.6	21.1
168	96½	Rolls-Royce	163	-3	...	3.8	...
223	164	T & N	194	+1	...	7.0	27.6
256	163	Trinity Hldgs	242	-3	...	2.9	22.5
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	170	...	...	3.1	21.8
253	121	Westland	224	...	4.2	2.4	19.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	190	...	5.0	3.3	19.4
360	315	Black (A&C)	340	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	290	Blenheim Gp	343	...	...	3.4	12.8
370	275	Bristol	350	+2	...	4.2	31.6
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9600	...	134	1.7	21.6
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9525	...	134	1.8	21.4
355	251	Dorling Kind	345	...	3.3	1.2	∞
373	322	EMAP	350	+1	...	2.9	21.1
1350	823	Euromoney Pb	1350	...	38.0	3.6	∞
204	170	Harrington K	197	...	4.7	3.0	16.1
468	293	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
363	342	Hodder H'line	342	...	5.1	1.9	29.1
140	99	Home Counts	110	...	5.2	6.0	...
151	30	Intl Bus Comm	129	-1	...	...	18.7
14	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	11	...	...	...	...
425	340	Independent	425	...	...	2.9	22.9
580	305	Johnstone Press	550	...	6.5	1.5	33.8
325	243	Metal Bulletn	325	...	8.2	3.2	22.9
186	88	Mirror Gp	154	+1	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	460	-6	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	264	...	...	0.6	16.2
586	354	Pearson	583	+1	...	2.6	31.7
675	510	Portsmth Sund	611	...	...	1.9	16.9
784	618	Reed Intl	748	+8	...	2.9	32.6
161	98	Southnews	161	...	...	1.8	29.6
171	90	Sterling Pubs	164	-2	...	2.3	18.1
423	328	Telegraph	369	...	...	4.1	15.5
835	715	Thomson Corp	825	-10	...	1.8	41.2
395	313	Trinity Intl	332	+7	9.0	3.2	21.1
39	27	Unit Groups	27	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspaps	521	...	...	5.2	14.5

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	28	...	...	...	27.3
61	37	Arcon Intl▲	38	-1	...	...	...
71	41½	Ats Oil & Gas	60	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	70	+1	...	...	...
16	6	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	84.6
223	145	Br Borneo	218	...	7.1	4.1	6.6
348	276	British Gas	319	+4	14.2	5.6	15.4
362½	225	Br Petroleum	351 †	-4	8.4	3.0	27.6
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castrl	739	...	...	5.6	17.2
68	32	Cairn Energy	60	+1	...	...	8.6
300	223	Calor Gp	282 †	...	...	5.3	15.4
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	44	...	...	...	...
44	27	Copies Res	33	-3	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs▲	17½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	445	-7	19.0	5.3	24.5
88	32	Exp Co Louis	36	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	23	-1	...	4.7	8.3
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	62	...	1.4	2.8	11.9
48	18	Gt Western Res	40	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	176	+2	...	0.7	16.4
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	127½	LASMO	130	+1½	...	3.2	26.3
103	63	-do- Units	70	...	9.4	16.9	...
24	4	Mid Scot Res▲	4	...	...	...	...
56	34	Monument	53	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	-½	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	32	...	1.0	3.9	11.1
38	27	Oil Search	35	...	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petroz	16	...	...	...	...
157	90	Pict Pet	153½	-3½	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	25½	+½	...	...	9.4
115	50	Presidio	113	...	...	5.9	...
410	290	Ranger	395	...	...	4.1	...
7312½	5150	Royal Dtch Pt	7012½	+175	...	4.4	17.4
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4112½	-25	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	60	...	...	...	...
727	515	Shell	692	+2	22.6	4.1	21.3
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	16	Triton Europe	17	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	193	-1½	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
145	120	AG Holdings	144	-1	...	4.6	13.0
353	249	API	351	...	8.2	2.9	30.6
229	144	Arjo Wiggins	222	...	...	3.7	35.9
543	408	Abbott Mead	535	...	9.5	2.2	28.1
40	13	Aegis Gp	20	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comm▲	129	...	...	4.7	11.7
20	7	BBB Design▲	18	...	...	...	...
409	234½	Bemrose	365	-4	...	4.0	16.0
30½	7½	Birkdale	9	...	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	131	+5	4.0	3.8	19.8
352	257	CIA Gp	352	...	...	1.6	22.2
230	93	Capital Inds	179	...	...	2.5	17.1
88	44	City of Lon▲	87	-1	...	5.5	16.0
292	169	Cropper (James)	289	...	3.1	1.3	27.9
6	6	Crown Com▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
95	51	Delyn Group	90	-2	1.6	2.3	12.1
120	64	Dolphin Pack	113	...	4.5	5.0	27.9
87	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	75	...	...	5.2	17.1
15½	10½	Elswick	14	+½	...	2.7	15.7
74	41	Fairway Group▲	74	...	3.2	5.5	21.8
346	271	Ferguson Intl	339	-1	...	4.6	15.3
110	92	Ferry Pick	110	...	...	6.4	29.7
152	74	Filofax▲	149	+1	...	1.0	19.2
20	10½	Fitch	11	...	...	...	...
130	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	129	...	...	4.8	14.6
295	206	Gold Greenless	207	...	8.3	5.0	14.8
41	19	Goodhead	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
88	35	Huntprint	37	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	162	-3	...	6.0	11.9
271	191	Jarvis Porter	270	...	...	2.2	25.2
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMI	33	+1½	...	...	...
346	175	More O'Ferrall	332	...	13.2	5.0	30.7
133	48	NMC Group	111	+1	2.7	3.1	16.9
200	66	Osborne & Little	303	+3	...	3.8	22.3
525	455	Portals	491 †	-2	...	3.8	16.9
3½	¼	Premier Hldn	2	...	...	...	...
296	159	Quarto	283	...	...	2.5	17.4
347	270	St Ives Gp	272	+2	...	2.5	18.0
186	142½	Saatchi	177	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	323	-6	...	10.2	6.1
32	11½	Serif▲	18	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	25½	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	331	+1	...	3.8	17.3
295	208	Smurfit (Jeff)	255 †	+12	...	1.6	6.1
88	45	Somic	85	+4	2.5	3.7	34.4
246	183	Sta-Plus	210	...	8.4	5.0	18.7
29½	16½	Taylor Nelson	28	...	0.3	1.5	23.4
83	38	VTR▲	82	...	...	5.2	23.4
106	40	WPP	96	...	...	1.3	3.6
179	62	Wace	169	...	...	0.7	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	237	-2	...	4.3	17.5
410	270	Wassmough	391	-1	...	1.9	30.6
7	4½	Westport▲	4½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mcke▲	19	...	...	...	...
90	55	Wood (SW)	85	...	...	1.8	18.2

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	109	...	...	4.0	28.2
63	58	Arcadian	60 #	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	4½	...	...	...	...
135	52	Asda	132	...	...	2.0	13.9
152	88	Avonside	136	...	4.1	3.8	19.0
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2325	-25	...	...	...
670	396	Bilton	650	...	18.9	3.6	23.5
110	23	Bourne End	97 #	...	1.0	1.3	...
236	150	Bradford	220 †	+3	5.9	3.4	22.3
23	5	Bredero	15½	-½	...	...	...
427	166½	Br Land	401	+3	...	2.2	36.5
248	140½	Brixton	224	...	...	4.7	17.7
89	42	Burford	84½	...	...	1.9	...
187	99	Cap & Regal▲	181	...	...	0.9	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
593	396	Chesterfield	586	...	11.5	2.5	41.6
43	12	City Site Ests	28	...	...	...	...
28	12	Clarke Nickolls	27	...	...	...	...
548	300	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
53	34	Conrad Ritat GS	45	...	...	...	...
1385	818	Daejan	1385	...	...	2.4	17.1
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2	...	...	...	...
129	53	Debenhm Twsn	114	...	...	3.3	22.2
12	4	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
180	76	Deneora	180	...	3.0	2.1	...
635	265	Derwent Hldgs	608	...	8.7	1.8	75.8
45	10	Development Sec	37	-2½	...	...	...
58	25	Dwyer	57	...	...	...	...
381	170	Estates Agency	372	...	7.5	2.6	∞
27	7½	Estates Gen	19½	...	...	...	...
215	132	Evans Of Leeds	211	-1	...	2.7	18.6
35½	11	Five Oaks	32½	...	...	...	...
64	30	Fletcher King	63	...	1.0	2.0	41.7
490	276½	Frogmore	483	-2	...	4.1	23.3
202	97	Grainger	199	+1	5.2	3.3	44.5
233	116½	Gt Portland	214 †	+½	...	4.7	20.5
33	7½	Greycoat	32	+1	...	...	...
192	101	HK Land	187	-1	...	3.4	24.6
84	35	Hambro Cnyw	62	...	0.5	1.0	...
422	257½	Hammerson	399	...	10.0	3.1	40.4
365	245	-do- 'A'	366	+2	10.0	3.4	37.0
292	127	Helical Bar	288	...	...	2.1	10.3
39	19	Hemingway	34	-1	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
153	133	Jermyn	133	...	...	...	...
740	435	Land Sec	715	+7	22.8	4.0	21.6
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	111	+4	4.0	4.5	17.3
22½	8	Lon & Metro	15	...	...	...	...
537	315½	MEPC	496	...	...	5.0	21.3
9	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
145	90	McKay Sec	145	...	3.5	3.0	19.9
7½	3	Markheath	3½	...	...	...	...
74	12	Merivale Mre	64	...	...	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
48	29	Moorfield Est	46	...	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1265	...	20.0	2.0	12.6
170	112	Muckow (A&J)	170	...	...	4.5	26.5
46	30	Olives Prop	41	...	...	...	...
10½	2½	Ossory Est	2½	...	...	...	0.7
172	88	PSIT	164	+1	4.1	3.1	32.5
359	138	Peel	354	-2	4.0	1.4	...
16	5	Power Corp	5	-1	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	36	...	...	...	10.3
75	40	Raglan	46	-1	...	...	...
39	11	Regalian	21½	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
50	16	St Modwen Prp	46	...	0.9	2.4	35.0
76	39	Savills	73	...	...	1.7	29.9
113	34	Scot Met	98 †	-1	...	2.1	∞
117	39	Shaftesbury	116	-1	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.8
272	139½	Slough Estates	254	+8	...	4.0	17.8
67	56	Southend Prop	61	...	...	3.7	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps▲	31	-1	...	...	...
226	114	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	...
137	79	Town Centre	133 †	-1½	...	3.2	23.8
93	43	Trafford Park	88	...	...	4.0	20.3
56	17	UK Land	31	+1	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
271	180	Warner	269	...	10.4	4.8	24.6
219	168	Warnford	212	...	7.5	4.4	15.5
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	66	...	...	...	...
76	40	Wood John D▲	66	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	11	Automagic▲	26	...	...	...	...
183	84	Headlam	178	...	...	2.1	40.2
500	315	Lambert	355	...	13.2	4.7	8.7
100	44	Pinards	55	...	1.5	3.4	15.7
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	5.7	6.1
217	89	Stylo	217	...	...	1.7	...
66	53	UK Safety	63	...	...	5.2	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	408	Allied Text	508	-10	12.7	3.1	16.3
69	54	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	31	...	...	...	∞
171	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Chartwell▲	40	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	347	-1	7.5	2.7	21.7
601	522	Courtauld Text	573	...	13.9	3.0	15.7
53½	24½	Copida▲	27	...	...	...	...
348½	185	Dawson	186	...	...	6.0	14.2
47	22	Drummond	40	...	...	...	...
84	65	Faupel▲	82	-1	...	7.5	12.7
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
130	82	Gaskell	119	...	4.2	4.5	...
223	156	Hicking Pnkst	218	...	...	2.3	16.9
90	45	Jerome (S)	70	...	...	0.4	...
622	249	Lamont	419	-2	12.0	3.6	27.7
515	353½	Leeds	499	...	...	1.9	24.1
64	15	Lister	57	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	87	+1	...	4.7	...
215	89	Magellan	215	...	1.4	0.8	...
234	69	Parkland 'A'	213	...	3.0	1.8	...
102½	82	Readicut	99½	...	...	4.5	18.2
66	35	SEET	55	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	132	-3	...	5.1	9.1
72	44	Stirling Gp	71	...	1.8	3.3	17.4
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	284	...	11.5	5.1	24.5
62½	32½	West Trust	33½	...	2.5	9.3	∞
217	126	Yorklyde	208	...	...	3.2	13.6

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521½	407	BAT	516	+4	...	4.7	15.4

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
517	349	Assoc Br Ports	473	-3	...	2.3	...
905	707	BAA	901	+5	...	2.2	22.4
401	249	Br Airways	397	-2	...	3.4	17.6
110	56	Clarkson (H)	96	+1	1.7	2.3	...
23	13	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	445	-4	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	80	...	0.5	0.8	21.5
211	147	IoM Steam	207	...	...	5.1	10.9
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	34	...	0.5	1.8	...
102	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	102	...	...	1.3	18.7
445	264	Mersey Docks	424	-4	...	2.7	28.8
271	181	Natl Express	260	-1	...	3.4	26.9
284	230	NFC	240	+1	6.5	3.4	18.2
343	244	Ocean Group	323	-3	...	5.5	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	65	...	4.0	7.2	11.8
676	504	P & O Dfd	536	-2	...	7.1	29.1
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	186	...	...	3.7	...
621	448	Powell Duffryn	596	-2	...	4.7	23.1
225	117	Seacon▲	213	-1	...	3.2	13.4
163	112	Stagecoach	130	-2	...	3.4	∞
81½	31½	TNT	74½	+1	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	750	-1	12.6	2.1	28.8
382	90	Tiphook	98	+3	...	24.6	...
298	227	TDG	272	...	...	4.4	9.0

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
565	455	Anglian Water	504	-2	...	5.4	9.9
347	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.8
702	547	Northumbrian	654 †	-3	...	4.4	6.7
567	431½	North West	515	-2	...	5.2	9.2
578	439	Severn Trent	520	-9	...	5.1	8.3
617	454	Sthrn Water	561	-5	...	4.7	9.3
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1515	...	47.0	3.9	10.8
622	465	South West	562	-6	...	5.3	9.2
584	454	Thames Water	517 †	-4½	...	5.2	10.1
681	506	Welsh Water	622	-4	...	4.7	6.3
695	536	Wessex Water	630	-1	...	4.3	9.5
593	473½	Yorkshire W	530	-6	...	5.0	9.0

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ‡ Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 8½% 1994	100	...	8.45	5.43
109	102	Treas 14½% 1994	102	-	14.13	5.39
109	103	Exch 13½% 1994	103	-	13.04	5.43
105	102	Treas 10% 1994	102 †	...	9.74	5.36
110	105	Exch 12½% 1994	105	...	11.87	5.33
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103 †	...	8.69	5.34
111	107	Treas 12% 1995	107	...	11.15	5.34
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	...	3.08	4.80
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.52	5.40
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	...	11.21	5.46
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.95	5.54
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	...	12.51	5.62
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	...	11.26	5.61
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	...	8.98	5.81
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	...	10.96	5.95
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113	...	9.27	5.94
109	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	109	+	8.01	5.99
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	+	17.49	6.15
113	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	+	8.64	6.22
104	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	104	+	6.94	6.10
104	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104	+	6.95	6.11
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.64	5.56
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	129 †	+	10.83	6.44

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	138	+	11.23	6.31
124	118	Exch 12% 1998	123 †	+	9.72	6.46
114	108	Treas 9½% 1999	113	+	8.38	6.41
126	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	125	+	9.76	6.54
119	112	Treas 10½% 1999	118 †	+	8.85	6.45
119	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	118 †	+	8.66	6.52
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	112	...	7.98	6.49
133	125	Treas 13% 2000	133	+	9.77	6.76
119	109	Treas 10% 2001	118	+	8.45	6.76
119	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	118	+	8.21	6.88
109	97	Treas 8% 2003	108 †	+	7.37	6.78
122	109	Treas 10% 2003	121	+	8.21	6.91
128	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125	+	9.16	7.00
81	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	+	4.36	6.03
120	105	Conv 9½% 2004	119	+	7.98	6.96
120	105	Conv 9½% 2005	119	-	7.97	7.01
138	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	137 †	+	9.11	7.22
107	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	106	+	7.50	7.00
131	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	130	+	9.03	7.20
112	97	Treas 8½% 2007	112	+	7.57	7.08
146	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	145	+	9.29	7.22

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117	101	Treas 9% 2008	117	+	7.67	7.11
108	92	Treas 8% 2009	108	+	7.39	7.13
118	100	Conv 9% 2011	118	+	7.59	7.14
119	100	Treas 9% 2012	119	+	7.55	7.13
87	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87	+	6.29	6.73
107	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	107	+	7.23	7.06
109	93	Treas 8% 2013	109	+	7.32	7.12
150	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	149 †	-	8.05	7.30
118	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	118	+	7.38	7.12

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
49	38	War Ln 3½%	49 †	+	7.13	...
34	27	Treas 2½%	34	+	7.33	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	136	+	...	...
203	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	202	+	1.37	2.22
112	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112	+	1.58	2.19
172	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	172	+	2.51	2.86
169	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	168 †	+	2.69	2.97
115	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115	+	2.72	2.99
179	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	179	+	2.74	2.96
163	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162 †	+	2.90	3.09
170	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169	+	2.96	3.13
140	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140	+	3.00	3.15
151	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150	+	3.04	3.19
146	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145	+	3.09	3.21
123	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122	+	3.09	3.20
123	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	122	+	3.11	3.23

Leasing firms oppose changes to credit act

BY RODNEY HOBSON

ATTEMPTS to extend the scope of the Consumer Credit Act to small businesses are being opposed by the Finance and Leasing Association (FLA), which claims that the businesses will suffer if they are given the same protection as individuals.

Tony Mallin, FLA chairman, said: "We are committed to consumer protection. Self-regulation should be seen as ancillary to consumer legislation and not in any way a substitute. Businesses, on the other hand, need flexibility to trade and should not be restricted by too much regulation, a point the government recognises in its current deregulation policy."

The FLA presented its case at a public hearing held at the end of last month by the Office of Fair Trading, which has suggested possible changes to the Consumer Credit Act.

The act covers finance agreements up to £15,000 and includes unincorporated businesses. Possible changes are to raise the limit to £30,000; extend the cover to all small businesses; include all businesses of any size; or remove all businesses from the scope of the act. The FLA prefers the last option.

The association argues that extending protection will make leasing terms more expensive. A spokeswoman said: "About 10 per cent of small-business spending comes through hire-purchase and leasing, which is an important alternative to bank overdrafts. To extend the act would alter the relationship our members have with their clients.

"Lending to the small-business market can be quite risky and lessors have to take a commercial decision. If security in the asset is weakened, our members will be much less willing to lend."

The FLA says most business-hire agreements are signed on the customers' own premises and so could be cancelled if consumer credit terms were extended to businesses.

The FLA fears that its members will have to compete on more onerous terms than European lenders. It argues that £830 million of finance could be lost to small businesses each year.



"I've never known anything else!"

Hedging for an 80-yard day

BY VERONICA HEATH

HEDGEROW restoration is about to get cash backing from the government, which makes Gordon Hodgson, a master hedger for 30 years, a happier man. In spite of the influx of mechanical hedge-cutting, Mr Hodgson has trained his son, Stephen, in hedge laying.

The family's expertise dates back to the 19th century when Mr Hodgson's maternal grandfather won prizes for his hedging.

Mr Hodgson is expecting a "tremendous boost" for his business from the government's £4.3 million in grants over the next three years for hedgerow restoration. The Countryside Commission will provide funding for farmers.

They are eligible for £1.50 to £2 a metre for gapping and laying hedges. This is the traditional but labour-intensive skill of cutting part of the way through main stems, bending over the tops and weaving them together to form a thick, stock-proof structure.

A conservation officer has been appointed for the Hodgsons' home county of Northumberland and they believe there is a new appreciation of their job. Mr Hodgson said: "The outlook for men in this trade is better than it has been for many years. Last year we planted 1,000 yards of new hedging."

They have recently planted many more trees, including rowan, maple, oak, ash, beech and birch. They buy saplings from a nursery at Tow Law, one of the highest and bleakest villages in County Durham. The reasoning is that anything that can survive Tow Law will flourish elsewhere. Hedging work is seasonal, from October to March when tree sap starts rising and birds begin nesting. Fencing is the routine work of the summer.

At busy times, Mr Hodgson takes on an extra hand and the team can get through nearly 80 yards of work in a day. Payment depends on the size of the hedge and is higher for an old, neglected one.

Mr Hodgson takes care to leave good saplings of the right species when clearing out a hedge. He removes elder because it tends to swamp other trees and shrubs.

The tools of the hedger's trade are minimal: a slasher, a long-handled curved blade; a billhook, similar, but with a short handle and heavier blade; a chainsaw, which has replaced the traditional axe, and strong leather gauntlets. Mr Hodgson is not totally against mechanical hedge-cutters. "They seem to be slashing indiscriminately but do quite a tidy job. I would rather see a hedgerow cut by mechanical means than left untended."

Mr Hodgson's business is a family affair, with his wife keeping the books. The biggest enemy can be the weather because hard frosts make young shoots and saplings liable to snap off, to the detriment of a hedge. During the past three winters, which have been almost frost-free, the Hodgsons have been able to lay hedges continuously for five months of the year.

VERONICA HEATH



Gordon and Stephen Hodgson laying a Northumberland hedge

BRIEFINGS

A database listing teleworkers operating usually from home is being launched by Teleservice Clearing House, based in south-west Scotland. Alastair Reid says he identified the need for such a database when researching a book on teleworking, due to be published in January. There are estimated to be nearly 500,000 teleworkers in Britain, many in remote rural locations. The idea is to give teleworkers the chance of jobs without incurring heavy spending on individual advertising and give companies the opportunity to recruit such workers with specific expertise. Details: Remote Teleworkers Project, Cnochruadh, Dunreggan, Moniaive, Dumfries DG3 4HH (084 82 226).

☐ An additional Women into Business course, aimed primarily at helping women over 25 seeking to return to work in the Wandsworth area of south London, is planned by the Enterprise Partnership, with sponsorship by Wandsworth council. The course, which is free, starts in January. Details: Sharon Phillips, Enterprise Partnership, 15 Park House, 140 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 4NB (071-627 4991).

☐ Eezy Peezy, a nappy delivery, collection and laundering service, won the new business success trophy among this year's awards from the South London Training and Enterprise Council. Susan Alesbury runs the business at Orpington, Kent.

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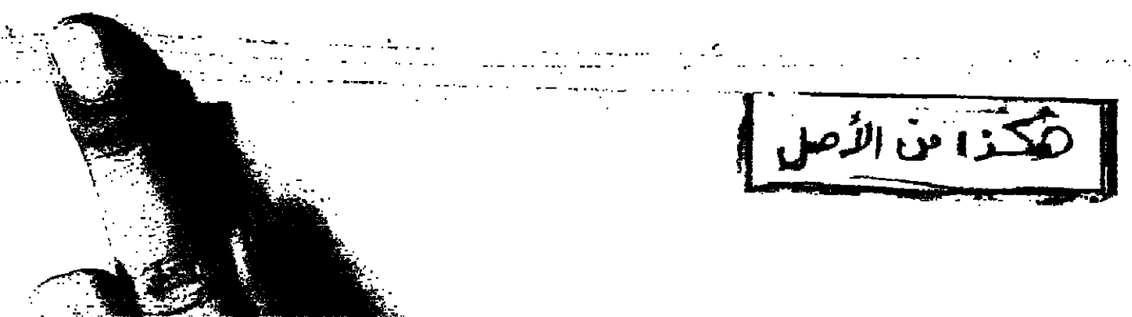
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In the city of fear, three weeks of festivities show proof of life beyond the barricades. **Kate Bassett** reports from Belfast

The business of Irish laughter as usual

Get Festive! That is the exhortation on the posters for the Belfast Festival, three weeks of music, drama, dance, films, poetry and comedy. In one long gulp ending on November 27, you can imbibe the Michael Nyman Band, Opera Northern Ireland and Tammy Wynette, the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Reduced Shakespeare Company, Seamus Heaney and Newman and Baddiel.

"Get Festive!" slants tipsily across a psychedelic autumn leaf. Its arteries are scarlet. In between, one discerns multiple different-coloured zones, demarcated by black outlines, yet amorphous. Look closer and you see that some have separate identities. One area, glowing emerald, takes the shape of a guitarist: there is a mauve member of the performing arts; a royal-blue bow tie; two turquoise quavers. Rather than foliage, this might be a map of a city drawn up by a madman — perhaps, in this case, one with a happy vision of Belfast's districts transformed into an arts scene. Otherwise, it is a leaf seen through party-time tinted spectacles.

But surely this is winter in Ulster? Drenched and cold, setting foot for the first time in the warmth of Festival House (home to the box office and the small administrative team that puts the festival together every year), I have to demist my glasses to read "Get Festive!". I could have done with mini-windscreen wipers to walk down Great Victoria Street in a downpour, past the Europa Hotel, its windows still boarded up after the explosion last spring. The Grand Opera House next door, which took the brunt of the blast, remains shielded by scaffolding.

Michael Barnes, artistic director of the festival and the opera house, had to cancel the Moscow City Ballet and Peter Hall's *Piaf*. Both were scheduled at the opera house for this year's festival. Barnes's 21st as director. Obviously, it is not one big party in Northern Ireland this November. The recent Shankill killings shook Belfast. Many people have stayed in over the past weeks. Football matches were called off. Companies preparing for festival performances cancelled some rehearsals.

However, taxi drivers — the human barometers of Belfast's night life — say that after a few weeks of deserted streets, business is picking up again. "Business as usual," that famous Belfast phrase. On Saturday night, the renovated bars opposite the opera house are so packed that drinkers spill out on to the pavement.

Tickets for festival shows are selling fast, several fully booked already. The Kosh, a dance alternative to the ballet, is much liked. The Chinese State Circus is in a big top on the Laganside redevelopment site, a docklands revamp that will include a huge concert hall. The opera house itself, beautifully restored yet again, will reopen next month.

> 'It is terribly important there should be a window on the world here in Belfast'

Belfast is not simply the war zone that selective news coverage tends to portray. Colin Finley — one of four artists who, during the festival, drive performers from the airport as part of the organisers' friendly welcome — gives me a tour of the city. Large areas, particularly in the working-class, religiously segregated north, are depressingly bleak even on a sunny morning: watch-towers; militant street murals; a rifle trained on us from the Jeep in front; so many roadblocks we can't find a route out.

Nevertheless, only a few minutes away are rolling hills. In the 1980s, restaurants opened up everywhere and the arts expanded. There is considerable unemployment, but crime is fairly low. Among jovial groups rolling home at closing time, a soldier in combat mode, suddenly spinning round a corner clutching his gun, seems incongruous. Nobody takes any notice. For most inhabitants, the madness is now normality.

Finley is a politicised public artist whose work appears on city billboards. One series reads: "Business as Usual"; "What is Usual?"; "Is this Usual?". Yet he observes apathy among the under-25s, who have known nothing but a Belfast of terrorism.

In middle-class, religiously mixed south Belfast — where the festival is based at Queen's University — you could, just feasibly, forget about the tribal warfare up the road. The festival offices are down a leafy side street. Barnes — English, orginally an academic — somehow bats away most questions about the Troubles. He seems vague but is, in many ways, quietly on the ball.

If you need to sell evenings out — and particularly as many evenings out as the Belfast Festival, which is probably second only to Edinburgh in size and scope — it makes sense to underplay the political troubles. On the other hand, Barnes and his team are fed up with the media swooping down on a simplistic dramatic contrast — the festival versus sectarian violence — then condescendingly congratulating the former for surviving "in spite of" the latter.

The festival is criticised for being elitist and not dealing with Ulster's immediate issues. Many people in the street, for instance, have not even heard about it. There is no fringe, so there is minimal flypostering. Nonetheless, media coverage is substantial, the programme eclectic, and audiences are socially mixed.

Una McCarthy, director of the Old Museum Arts Centre (actually a young venue) thinks the festival may create new theatre-goers, and believes it constituted "a vital oasis in a cultural desert during the 1970s and 1980s". But she feels that it has outlived its purpose, and fails to embrace the Irish companies that have burgeoned recently.

The charge seems unjustified. True, Siamsa Tire, the National Folk Theatre of Ireland, presents something of a museum-piece, idealising peasant life: singing rustics dance about and do a bit of unstrenuous flailing outside the cosy cottage, presumably blissfully contented with the occasional potato. But in spite of the horribly twee setting, skilled performances let a sad beauty and vitality come through the traditional Gaelic airs and reels.

More significantly, the project by Dock Ward, a three-year-old community theatre group, has at least got under the festival umbrella. *Narrow Ground*, set in ancient Ireland yet dealing with tribal struggles for territory and identity, is clearly of polemical contemporary relevance.

Barnes defines himself as non-political but his artistic policy is one of inclusivity. He insists: "It is absolutely right that *Narrow Ground* should be about the issues." At the same time, he points out: "It is terribly important there should be a window on the world here in Belfast."

The festival can also, of course, provide light relief from daily fears. *A Year in The Province*, a satirical revue by the locally adored Hole In The Wall Gang, is, at its sharpest, both funny and painfully dark about the troubles in Belfast, "the best wee sectarian hole in western Europe". "Anyone in tonight who's not a legitimate target?" they ask. Howls of laughter from all sides.

CRISPIN RODWELL



At the Hole in the Wall Gang's show *A Year in The Province*, the Belfast audience cracks up at lines such as: "Anyone in tonight who's not a legitimate target?"

TELEVISION

Lost angels out to Lynch



Gun in hand, James Belushi wanders through the virtual reality of L.A. in *Wild Palms*

It sounds weird. I know, but the cat spoke to me last night for the first time ever, just after the first episode of **Wild Palms** (BBC2). "Permit me, oh great two-legged one with tin-opener," he said, putting a gentle paw on my bed-sock. "What is it?" I snapped, chucking my notes in the air. "What now?"

The previous 90 minutes had been rather a strain, what with all those colourful Los Angeleno futuristic conspiracy theories, mute children, tossing palms, dreams about rhinos, virtual reality, and funny day-wear featuring white wing collars and high-buttoned waistcoats. And now the cat wanted to talk?

I gave him a look that said: "This had better be good." He stared back steadily, with dignity. "The owls are not what they seem," he intoned, and then, jumping neatly through a hologram cat-flap, vanished utterly from sight.

Damn. Can you believe it? Even the *cat* got *Wild Palms* confused with *Twin Peaks*, so what hope for the rest of us? Admittedly, *Wild Palms* fails to copy *Twin Peaks* in one very important aspect — there are no stunning teenage girls in sexually vulnerable situations, or handsome blokes with doughnuts, which doubtless accounts for its comparatively miserable ratings in America. But otherwise, the mood and weirdness are distinctly similar. The reason *Wild Palms* will not be successful in Britain is quite simple, however: it depicts a glossy bright blue Los Angeles sewn up by mad overdressed megalomaniacs with big ideas, which is precisely the image of Los Angeles we've got already.

I would guess that few people watching *Wild Palms* last night realised it was set in 2007, before someone said: "How old is Jack Nicholson now?" and someone else said: "About eighty." Otherwise it was just 1990s (even 1980s), slightly heightened as if for satire. Lines such as: "Would you like a cappuccino or some mineral water?" and: "They've got monkfish to *die* for" are truthfully not much of a thrill for the futuristically inclined. If you are setting a drama in 2007, you could be a lot more witty about it. The only really enjoyable scene in this first episode featured Stone himself on the telly. "I'm talking with Oliver Stone," said a chat-show host. "Fifteen years after the film *JFK*, the files are released. You were right. Are you bitter?"

> There's not a spark of sex appeal in the whole damn thing

The plot is immaterial, but here goes. Harry (James Belushi) is a nice-guy lawyer on whom worries are piling up. He has nightmares about a rhino, his two kids come straight out of *The Midwich Cuckoos*, his mother-in-law is an eye-gouger, Paige, his former girlfriend, is a human spider, his wife hits the bottle at the first sign of trouble, and he's impotent. So naturally, to escape these problems, he fixes his natty silk tie and joins forces with the satanic grizzled Senator Tony Kreutzer, founder of the Church of Symbiotics, whose plan for world domination entails broadcasting holograms into people's living rooms.

The best consolation comes from the look of the thing: the colours, the interior design, the fantasy clothes, the holograms, the shiny reflecting table-tops. But as I mentioned before, its main drawback as potential cult television is that there's just no one to fancy.

Look around, it's true. Belushi is cute, his wife is pretty, Angie Dickinson is monstrous as the mother-in-law, but that's about it. There's not a spark of sex appeal in the whole damn thing.

LYNNE TRUSS

IN A poll of Q magazine's readers, Crowded House were voted Best Live Act of 1992 in preference to U2, Bruce Springsteen and Guns N' Roses. On the face of it, it is hard to see exactly why. On the first of a three-night residency at Hammersmith, the band from New Zealand performed without the benefit of any elaborate props or lighting displays or pyrotechnics, and with a pronounced lack of heroic rock 'n' roll gestures.

With his boyish haircut and red frock-coat, singer and chief songwriter Neil Finn was clearly the man in charge, but with everyone weighing in on vocal harmonies, and a fair amount of movement between instruments (Mark Hart alternated between keyboards, guitar and pedal steel; Finn played guitar, keyboards and, ineptly, a touch of drums) there was a roughly equal division of labour.

Aided by near-perfect sound, the opening salvo, including "Whispers And Moans", "There Goes God", "Kare Kare" and "In My Command", reflected the sheer craft that Crowded House displayed to resounding effect on albums such as *Together Alone* and *Woodface*.

But as the show progressed, so a strong sense of band identity emerged over and above the quality of the musicianship and the obvious appeal of their Lennon and McCartney-influenced repertoire. Finn and the garrulous drummer Paul Hester, partners since their days together in Split Enz, engaged in a steady flow of laddish banter incorporating lavatorial jokes, discussions of the road crew's foibles and a relentless goading of the hall's security staff — for no very good reason.

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Such an unaffected and convivial approach worked wonders on an audience doubtless accustomed to the rather more aloof behaviour of most major league rock acts. By the time they had worked their way through a fairly low-key rendition of their biggest hit "Weather With You", a madly swinging "Sister Madly" and a finale of "Pineapple Head" and "Fall At Your Feet", you felt that you knew the band a whole lot better than at the outset. Whether you would care to invite them home was another matter.

Dada, the Los Angeles-based trio who opened the show, demonstrated tremendous ability as harmony vocalists, peerless mastery of their instruments and a firm, non-conformist wit in their song-writing that won an increasingly warm reception as their set progressed.

While most of their own material was dispatched with a deceptively light touch, they gave "California Dreaming", the old Mamas And Papas song, a perversely heavy treatment, turning it into a sort of harmony version of "All Along The Watchtower" by the end.

If anything they were too good. Their parting shot of "Dizz Knee Land" and "Dorina" combined rock and pop with touches of jazz and funk in such a dizzying kaleidoscope of rapid changes that it was almost too much to take in. Still, Dada could be a post-grunge Steely Dan in the making.

DAVID SINCLAIR

OPERA

Return to the jungle

Baa-Baa Black Sheep
Grand, Leeds

MICHAEL Berkeley's first full-length opera, premiered this year at Cheltenham, began, last Saturday, the second run that all operas need and this one thoroughly deserves.

It is, by any standards, an ambitious enterprise, with a text, by David Malouf, that interweaves the Kipling short story that gave the work its title with the same author's *The Jungle Book*. The jungle scenes become the fantasies of the boy Punch. Trapped with his hysterical birch-wielding foster mother, Auntirosa, and mercilessly taunted by his foster-brother, the oleaginous and evil adolescent Harry, Punch in his imagination is transformed into Mowgli the wolf-boy.

This is an ambitiously complex opera. On one level it is a matter of contrasting the states of incarceration and liberty: on another it is about belonging and not belonging. On yet another it has a political subtext, timely when there is talk of returning to old values. Here some of them were: rigid familial hierarchies, unquestioned orthodoxies, stifled children, physical and mental abuse.

Jonathan Moore's production brings out this savagery through acting that sometimes amounts to caricature, but which is entirely appropriate for Berkeley's predominantly neo-expressionist manner. David Blight's designs and Ben Ormerod's lighting join what is a potent conspiracy, their simplicity allowing effective transformations between the grey heap of Victoriana and the vivid, cartoon-like hues of the forest.

Berkeley's music did not quite manage to win me over, however. There are many marvellous things — most notably the climax to Act I when, in a magical transformation the boy Punch "becomes" the adolescent Mowgli — and the orchestration is something special. But his profusion of ideas and complexity of textures finally overwhelm. Berkeley has drunk deeply from many influences — Schoenberg, Britten, Tippett, oriental music, and surely, with all the drum-beating in Act II, the infamous police riot in Mark-Anthony Turnage's *Greek* — yet for all its resulting individuality one misses a feeling of solid identity.

The conductor, Paul Daniel, has obviously gone to great lengths to do the work justice, and the Opera North orchestra gave a marvellous performance. On-stage things were equally good. Young Malcolm Lorimer, although understandably weak in projection compared with the adults, proves himself an unnervingly aware actor in the dual role of Punch and the boy Mowgli. William Dazeley as the older Mowgli delivers all the goods, both physical and vocal.

Fiona Kimm is terrifyingly, although also laughably, draconian as Auntirosa, adding a sinisterly sexual aspect to Punch's beatings, and Henry Newman, as her husband the Captain and as Akela, brings the welcome relief of benevolence in both worlds.

Philip Sheffield's Harry chilling relishes his evil duplicity, while Ann Taylor-Morley, as Judy (Punch's sister) and Grey Wolf; George Mosley, as Punch's father, Mowgli's father and the Father Wolf; and, particularly, the radiant-voiced Eileen Hulse as the three maternal equivalents, provide strong support.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

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ROYAL BALLET: There is a rare chance to see new choreography at Covent Garden tonight. *White Hot and Different* brings together works by young house choreographers William Tuckett and Matthew Hart along with *Herman Schmerman* by the dazzling stylist William Forsythe and MacMillan's Woyzeck ballet, *Different Drummer*
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066). 7.30pm

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SOUTHAMPTON: Mae West's censor-shaking visit to London after world war two, re-created by playwright Ayshe Raif in *I'm No Angel* and brought to life (with songs) by Lynda Baron.
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SUNDERLAND: In another RSC tour, the setting of David Thacker's admirable promenade production of **Julius Caesar** uses the playing area of the RSC's unique travelling auditorium. The audience is encouraged to move around with the action — some seats available.
Seaburn Centre (091-529 4091). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Fri, 1.30pm.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Stephen Medcalf's new production of Donizetti's comedy *L'Elisir d'Amore* and a revival of Clare Venables's witty staging of Mozart's *Così fan tutte* are on offer from **English Touring Opera** as it continues its autumn season.
Playhouse, High Street (0934 645544). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm.

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
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◪ **CAROUSEL**: Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein musical extravaganza.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

□ **EUROVISION**: Roman Emperor Hadrian's love for Antinous mixed up with modern gay love backstage at the Eurovision Song Contest in Rome. Semi-comic farce by Tim Luscombe, starring Anita Dobson, James Dreyfus. With the all-too-typical song "Bim Bam Bom".
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat 5.45pm and 8.40pm

□ **FOREVER PLAID**: Genial and wittily performed American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat 8.30pm; mats Fri, Sat, 6pm

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Wandsworth Prison, telephone Pimlico Opera (081-977 4869). Mon, Tue, Thurs-Sat, 7pm. Saturday performances sold out. Until Nov 27

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
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□ **THE L.A. PLAYS**: A male prostitute's impression of the City of Angels. European premiere for the Asian-American Han Ong.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

◪ **MEDEA**: Diana Rigg returns to the West End in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge. Directed by Jonathan Kent.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5.30pm.

■ **M S M**: The initials stand for "Men who have Sex with Men"; the chosen venue public lavatories. DV8 Physical Theatre Co show it like it is (apparently). The quality of the movements is said to be very fine. Last week of performances.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◪ **OLEANNA**: Power, politics and punishment at an American university. David Suchet and Lia Williams star in Pinter's production of Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

■ **ONE MAN**: Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: Poe's *Telltale Heart*; *Actor*; and *Dog*, his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **PICKWICK**: Harry Secombe belts out 'If I Ruled the World' as boldly as he sang it 30 years ago. A naive musical but good-hearted and bouncy; last week of performances.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **RELATIVE VALUES**: Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **THE WASPS**: Aquila Productions present Aristophanes's stinging comedy about a legal system controlled by prejudiced old men. Sounds familiar. In repertoire with *Coriolanus* for two weeks only.
The Place, 17 Dukes Road, WC1 (071 387 0031). *Wasps*: Mon, Wed and Fri, 8pm; mats Tue and Thurs, 12pm and Sat 2pm. *Coriolanus*: Tue, Thurs and Sat, 8pm. Until Nov 27.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

L'ACCOMPAGNATRICE (PG): Claude Miller's flawed but sensitive wartime drama, with Romane Bohringer as the young pianist whisked into a glamorous new world. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

◆ **DEMOLITION MAN** (15): Sylvester Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century L.A. Overblown action romp with satirical touches from first-time director, Marco Brambilla. With Nigel Hawthorne as L.A.'s benevolent dictator Dr Raymond Cocteau.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **GUILTY AS SIN** (15): D.A. Rebecca De Mornay falls under the spell of ladykiller Don Johnson. Foolish thriller, minus thrills. Director, Sidney Lumet.
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◆ **DAVE** (15): The US President's lookalike takes over. Beguiling comic fantasy, with Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. Ivan Reitman directs.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **DRAGON: THE BRUCE LEE STORY** (15): Inventive, action-packed biography of the martial arts legend. Rob Cohen directs.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

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◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
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◆ **THE SECRET GARDEN** (U): Polished version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic; a confident mainstream debut for director Agnieszka Holland. With Maggie Smith.
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◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG): Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent romantic comedy. Writer-director Nora Ephron.
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THEATRE: Undressing in Hammersmith; mini-musicals in Euston; re-creation in Warwick

Private thoughts aired in public

Strip
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

DONALD COOPER



Fleeting relationship: Archie Hoffgaard and Fiona Padfield in the two-hander, *Strip*, at Hammersmith

HERE is a show that will almost certainly cause some to turn beetroot, either in outrage or embarrassment. Others, perhaps not quite up to a Soho sex show, will no doubt scurry across the threshold of the theatre in pursuit of what might, in several senses, be called a stimulating evening out.

Fiona Padfield's two-hander (somewhat confusingly described as being written by her and co-devised with Philippe Cherbonnier) depicts a female stripper and a sado-masochist with whom she has a fleeting relationship. The production offers stockings, suspender-belts and stage nudity. What's more, its sexual vocabulary is aggressively upfront. At its slackest, the script too simply parallels the language of hard porn.

However, *Strip* is more concerned with laying bare the private parts of the psyche. Under Peter James's cunningly unshowy direction, Jo's monologues, exposing what she thinks while getting her kit off as a career, are delivered by Padfield fully clad, for the most part, in jeans and a polo-neck jumper.

Dialogue is, moreover, boldly replaced by an almost novelistic narrative style. Besides the protagonists zooming in on descriptive minutiae (Gunter, the sado-masochist, specifying colours in a blob of stripey toothpaste or the precise sensations of resting his forehead against a cold enamel sink) the couple's alternating speeches present alternative versions of their encounters — recalled rather than enacted, analysing inner thoughts as much as relating what was done.

Such an approach risks being dully undramatic. In practice, it is engaging for a surprisingly long time. The play, by giving voice to the views of a stripper and a so-called sexual deviant — subjects that society generally keeps under wraps — rouses interest in the first place. In this case, there is the additional intriguing fact that Padfield herself spent six months as a stripper. At any moment, then, one feels that she may be speaking with autobiographical veracity through her fictional character.

There is some striking writing here, ranging from unflinching accounts of the unglamorous nitty-gritty of the job through accurately captured inarticulacies and into the more poetic realms. It can, though, be overwritten: echoes between Gunter's and Jo's ruminations are obtrusively obvious. The piece itself is too long by half and lacks a satisfactory climax.

Padfield, for all her real-life experience, occasionally seems to be faking it on stage. Maybe putting on an act is meant to be part of Jo's character, but the actress's hip-jutting postures and downmarket drawled vowels can come across as theatrically affected. Her shirty manner also becomes somewhat repetitive. Nevertheless, Padfield gives a fierce, concentrated performance.

Archie Hoffgaard is superb as the heavily accented German Gunter, restlessly fondling his goatee or pressing his palms together. Curiously eyebrowless and bearded, he looks — in his sensible sandals — like a cross between a hangdog Satan and Jesus Christ. Here is an actor who can be highly comical and totally credible, absurd, endearing and ultimately serious.

KATE BASSETT

Decalogue set to song

The Ten Commandments
The Place

MOST of us only hear about British musicals when famous names are attached. But out there in the undergrowth, songwriting folk are setting music to lyrics, lyrics to music, working on adapted and original books, even staging finished product.

The 33 lyricists and composers who make up Mercury Workshop (patron: Stephen Sondheim; financial supporter: Cameron Mackintosh) have each hit on an ingenious format for showing something of their skills. Ten composer/lyricist teams have written a ten-minute episode inspired by one of God's ten orders to Moses, and each is set in a different decade of the 20th century. Thus "Thou Shalt Have No Other Gods Before Me" takes place on an African missionary station in the 1900s; "Thou Shalt Not Make Unto Thee Any Graven Image" shows a first world war tommy infatuated with the pin-up of his nurse.

The trick is to encapsulate a shapely drama (characters, conflict, climax) into 600 seconds, but what became clear is that the musical form does take a while to absorb us into its conventions. In a full-length show the opening number is there to do this, sometimes taking a full 600 seconds or more to achieve it. The ten teams here must plunge into the shallow end and hope to deepen it as they swim on.

Three of the four more successful episodes were all-sung. Choosing a musical idiom to fit the decade brings an obvious advantage, and in the graven image commandment (Howard Goodall/Stephen Clark), Peter Duncan sings an infectiously jolly music-hall ditty, rich in double entendres. The disillusioned aftermath is set in a minor key with a plaintive trumpet.

Kate Young and Paul Leigh cleverly illustrate the "Vain Taking of God's Name" with the parallel story of two brothers, one joining the Wall Street party of 1920s America, the other joining the Communist Party in Russia, and both meeting their doom at the end of the decade. Neatly integrated stories here, likewise the staging by the show's director, Steven Dexter. And in the "False Witness" episode (Warren Wills/Adèle Anderson) Patti Boulaye angrily sings of the plight of an innocent Greek-Australian woman, condemned by the media for murder.

Inevitably, the lingering feeling is that of eating ten different cuisines at one meal. Let us hope that soon the individual chefs get to provide a full meal of their own.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Seen from the gods

Les Enfants du Paradis
Warwick Arts Centre

WHAT we call "the gods", the cheapest seating at the top of a theatre, the French know as *le paradis*. Reactions up there were rude and hearty. We don't readily behave like that these days, but give us permission and we will boo and cheer like our ancestors.

That permission is given at the start of this stage adaptation of the film directed by Marcel Carné in the last months of the second world war. Caroline Quentin, who will play Garance, the mysterious beauty, rehearses us in the responses that production requires — applause, shouts of "Money back!" — and in the show that follows we do our duty.

Garance is loved by four men of strikingly different temperaments whose careers are woven into the life of Paris in early post-Napoleonic years. Most of the scenes are set inside theatres because one of her lovers is the robust, attractively generous actor Lemaître and another is Baptiste, the forlorn mime dressed in white pyjamas, played in the film by Jean-Louis Barrault and here by Marcello Magni.

The partnership of Cambridge Theatre Company and the David Glass Ensemble has created a version of the film that works, with grace and verve, in all the theatrical scenes, in the adept changes of setting, and whenever Vincenzo Nicoli's Lemaître is the centre of attention. Though his pugilist's profile is not the stereotype of matinee idol, his expansive gestures, sonorous voice and undaunted smile enjoyably suggest the vigour of Romantic drama, passionate and slightly absurd.

The co-directors are Mike Alfreds and David Glass, and in their re-creation of old acting, still more in finding ways to present it, they make the theatrical episodes fascinating. In the foreground of *Othello* those actors being actors and the others being an audience are positioned in among each other, so we can watch both without shifting an eyeball.

Magni is excellent when playing the white-faced, lovelorn mime. But in the offstage scenes, still suffering, he looks too old for the character. Not only the young are lovesick, true, yet the story fails to give enough body to the ardour. Quentin, too, sometimes seems absent from her role. Junoesque, strangely smiling, but what makes her tick? Hopeless passion, we are told. More likely she is another example of the poorly motivated femme fatale, so common in French films of the period, whose sole function is to lure men to their doom.

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Bold new forms of adventure

Richard Cork reports from Hanover on a thrilling and superbly installed show of work by British sculptor Richard Deacon



Richard Deacon's *Under My Skin* (1990) suddenly rears into the air with sharp edges and screws exposed to snag the unwary hand

Visiting Hanover for the first time, I was astonished and ashamed to discover how enthusiastically art is treated throughout the city. Although the capital of Lower Saxony, Hanover is not very large. Its equivalent in Britain, with a population of just over half a million, would usually be content with a ramshackle, underfunded municipal collection. Here, by contrast, a cornucopia of excellent galleries seize the attention. Foremost among them, the Landesmuseum and the Sprengel Museum are devoted to historic and 20th-century art respectively.

But Hanover is just as committed to the liveliest contemporary developments. At the moment, the entire Kunstverein is housing a major, superbly installed survey of Richard Deacon's sculpture. And for good measure, the Orangerie in the Herrenhäuser Gärten displays two more works made specially for this monumental space.

> 'Deacon abhors the idea of repeating himself'

Would the Welsh-born Deacon be granted a similar exhibition in, say, Swansea? I doubt it. Like so many of our leading artists, he seems far more generously appreciated on the Continent. Since the late 1980s, when he won the Turner Prize and then staged a retrospective at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, Deacon has produced an impressively sustained and inventive body of work. But only a fraction has been shown in London, and Hanover's double venture demonstrates just how much we have been missing.

If the Kunstverein provides a well-selected array of his most important sculpture from the past five years, the Orangerie offers a potentially daunting challenge to any artist. This hangar-like interior, set in formal gardens embellished with baroque statuary, might easily lead to disaster. The exhibitor could either be overwhelmed by immensity, or tempted to indulge in grandiloquence. Deacon has solved the problem with resourcefulness and sly wit. In one half of this echoing, 80 metre-long chamber he mocks the vastness by laying a modest expanse of steel flat on the floor. Although reflecting light from the tall windows near by, it is the very opposite of assertive. Rippling outwards, and punctuated by shallow cavities, this unassuming object seems to be melting. It defiantly refuses to strain for the bravado which the Orangerie would seem to demand.

In the other half of the space, though, Deacon shows how gloriously flamboyant he can be. *What Could Make Me Feel This Way* asks the title, as if in wonderment at his readiness to produce such a colossus. Made of wood, its writhing forms stir memories of the serpents assailing the figures in the great classical *Laocoon* carving. But there is no violence in Deacon's *tour de force*. The cylindrical forms dip and swell like a roller-coaster, making no attempt to crush the calmer forms running back through this labyrinthine ensemble.

Despite its undulating complexity, this is a harmonious and exuberant work. Looking through the central tube, we are invited to savour the intricate receding structure of the slats within. They are as precisely ordered as the long avenue of trees stretching outside the Orangerie. Walking round the sculpture, we become aware of how well its burgeoning parts fit together. There is nothing sealed-off about these tubes. They are all open and responsive to each other. Nor are they simply suggestive of mechanical parts. More organic than industrial, they might easily refer to the inside of a human body. Deacon does not strive for this biological reference. The work is abstract, and it openly declares the screws and splashes of white glue which bind the elements together. But it operates on a metaphorical level as well, showing how even the most tortuous cluster of forms can interact with deftness and dancing aplomb.

By contrasting these two works in the Orangerie, Deacon reveals the tension that nourishes his art. Part of him is attracted to severity, and part to swaggering lyricism. Both of them are vividly apparent in the sculptures assembled at the Kunstverein, where each white room gives plenty of space to the exhibits it contains. In the largest gallery, *Struck Dumb* lives up to its name by establishing a sullen presence at one end. Bulging like an over-ripe fruit, and yet as ominous as an unexploded mine dredged from the sea, it looks both fecund and defensive. Most of the black steel surface rebuffs anyone trying to discover what might be lurking inside. Only at the front, where a deep red metal plate has been pinned like a bow-tie, does an opening disclose itself. And even here, the viewer must crouch in order to peer at the dark, ribbed underbelly of the form within.

This squat, boorish hulk retains its enigma to the end, whereas the whole of the next room is alive with the extravagant, space-hungry gesticulation of *Doubletalk*. Deacon is here at his most swooping and unfettered. Bulkiness is replaced by line. He uses laminated wood to draw freely in space. Such a large sculpture could easily have become grandiose, but an athletic poise is retained throughout. You are invited to step through the sculpture, puzzle over the russet material swathing one curve like a leather arm-glove, or walk down its centre watching the lean wood soar above your head. It is an exhilarating sensation, akin to watching an aeroplane looping the loop.

All the same, this unabashed theatricality may not have satisfied Deacon in the end. For *Doubletalk* is the earliest piece on view, and its effervescence gives way in later works to a greater emphasis on sternness and substance. *Body of Thought No 2*, made the following year, is a more reined-in work. While relishing its convoluted knot of forms, he no longer allows them to indulge in such expansive flourishes.

Judging by a subsequent series called *The Back of My Hand*, Deacon may have wanted to dispense with virtuosity altogether. Three of them are shown here, in a room of their own, and they arrive at the same rigorous simplicity which he explores in the Orangerie floor-piece. Hung on the wall at eye-level, they could hardly be more spare. But such extreme conciseness did not satisfy Deacon for long. He thrives on reacting against recently completed work, treating it as a springboard for alternative directions. Hence the continual suppleness of the Kunstverein show, where his exceptional versatility is exposed.

Unlike some artists, who become trapped inside an arid formula, Deacon abhors the idea of repeating himself. Each new sculpture has a sense of fresh adventure, and his use of materials is unpredictable. Take *Distance No Object No 2*, where aluminium, fibreglass and polyester are conjoined. All glinting, riveted metal on one side, it changes on the other to a dull, rubbery smoothness. And the neighbouring sculpture in the room, *Dummy*, is content with pale wood throughout. This swollen, well-sanded form offers itself like a low-lying seat. Its sense of comfort is appealing, but in another mood Deacon offers no reassurance at all. *Under My Skin* suddenly erupts, rearing into the air with sharp edges and screws exposed to snag the unwary hand.

Violence goes hand in hand with eroticism in *Breed*, where two linear forms warily confront each other from a distance. Half mating ritual and half gladiatorial combat, it amounts to a richly ambiguous sculpture. And Deacon's mood grows still more implacable in the steel *Skirt*, which transforms a flowing garment into an armour-plated alternative. As hard and martial as a fortification, *Skirt* discloses the most ominous side of Deacon's imagination. But this unyielding vision is countered in other works by boundless exuberance, and taken together they prove that he can now be ranked among the most impressive sculptors at work anywhere in the world.

● Richard Deacon Sculpture 1988-1993 *at the Hanover Kunstverein, Sophienstrasse 2, Tues-Sun 10-6, until Nov 28*

DANCE

Failing to make a splash

LCDT
New Victoria Theatre, Woking

NOBODY wants to contemplate the possibility of imminent death, and London Contemporary Dance Theatre is no exception. But it must be especially galling for the company to feel that it might lose Arts Council support just when there is so much to justify its present policies. Not only has LCDT always, unusually among large companies, maintained its bank balance in the black, but it is now putting its artistic troubles firmly behind it. This season at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking, testified to that, as did the 1,300 spectators who packed the auditorium on Saturday night.

The audience seemed stimulated and enthused by a programme which closed with Christopher Bruce's popular *Rooster*, to Rolling Stones songs, and began with three new pieces, all scheduled for the company's London season. Two of these have already been reviewed here: Bruce's *Waiting*, written to celebrate Nelson Mandela's release, has spine-tingling intensity; and Richard Alston's *The Perilous Night* emerges as his best for years.

The Perilous Night is a virtuosic solo, created on the physical control and versatility of Darshan Singh Bhuller, LCDT's longest-serving dancer. Bhuller in turn has choreographed the third new piece, *Fall Like Rain*. Alas, I wish I could be more complimentary about this, not just because of the company's predicament, but because Bhuller has dedicated it to Tom Jobe, the spectacular dancer who died so young of Aids.

Following Martha Graham's example of using myth, Bhuller pins his piece on Yadahpati, an Asian mythological deity, the bringer of rain who can see the past and future. John Martyn's commissioned score roves thousands of miles, from world music (orchestral electronic with Asian tabla) to traditional Brazilian music, and then to Tom Waits-like blues. Equally unfocused is the choreography, with desultory individuals and couples whose activities lack clear logic or structure.

An unorthodox slant is the inclusion of wire-flying and rain which streams down in monsoon abundance. Bhuller as the suspended Yadahpati, pitches forward, revolves and swims slowly through the air. The six other dancers, drenched, swish their limbs about the overwhelming wetness, sending arcs of water slicing through the air.

Yet having decided on these devices, Bhuller needed to exploit them more imaginatively than he has. His choreography wastes opportunities, so that the water and flying appear as gimmicks, lazily hauled in to supply missing interest.

NADINE MEISNER

CONCERTS: South Bank triumph for a great soprano on a rare visit and a lively quartet

Cabaret of the sublime

Jessye Norman
Festival Hall



Jessye Norman: sent her audience away clap-happy

IN LONDON Jessye Norman now has rarity value. Five years have passed since her last recital here, and that alone ensured a Festival Hall packed on Sunday with an audience as devoted as it was attentive. There was never any chance that Norman would shortchange her admirers.

No opera was included: she has always rationed herself carefully in that field. But in every other respect this was a substantial and varied programme, artfully designed to show the full glory of her soprano. Here were songs to display both its mezzo-like growl and those exuberantly thrilling high notes and, simultaneously, to give force to the complex Norman personality.

The short first half was deceptive. A group of Schumann Lieder, delivered with total ease, ended with a joyous flourish in "Frühlingsnacht". Strauss followed, and Norman has always shown an especial affinity with him, as her stage Ariadnes have shown. Once again there was a closing flourish in "Cäcilie", with its emotional outpourings proving what a passionate singer Norman can be. This, with all her artistry, was still the stuff of the old-fashioned Lieder evening.

The second half was a different matter. Here Norman was out, with the aid of the genial and amenable accompanist Geoffrey Parsons, to push out the frontiers of song. Messiaen's "Poèmes pour Mi" — and especially some of the sentiments expressed there — may not be to all tastes, but she made a powerful case for them. Who else, though, would step directly from the Messiaen messianic style to the strictly pagan world of Schoenberg's "Brettl Lieder".

Schoenberg at the cabaret sets mildly saucy words by the likes of Wedekind to jaunty tunes. "Der genügsame Liebhaber" is Berlin's equivalent of a Brighton postcard. Jessye Norman revelled in it: if Quaglino's still had a floor show she would be a wow. Opera administrators must be wondering why they saw her almost exclusively as a tragic heroine.

There were four encores: two more Lieder and two spirituals, including "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands", which had the Festival Hall following in a rare clap-along. It was a far step from Schumann, and an even farther one from Messiaen. But it sent the audience away clap-happy and noting that the next Norman recital here is next October.

JOHN HIGGINS

Fine style rises far above mere fashion

Britten Quartet
Purcell Room

THE Britten Quartet caused many raised eyebrows with the cover design for its recording of Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" Quartet a couple of years ago, which featured a grotesque cartoon of a girl in the embrace of a hooded skeleton.

The four members are still relatively young: they all dress in relaxed but fashion-conscious style. But they are not just another batch of over-sold musicians, attracting attention through image rather than through their music-making. Significantly, their subsequent releases, of Dvorak's Opp 96 and 34 Quartets and most recently of the Janáček quartets (EMI CDC 7 54787 2), have not used similarly provocative designs.

And in any case, you only have to listen to them: few British quartets since the Amadeus's heyday can have achieved the same sense of oneness, of utter comfort with the medium.

Yet, even though they are plainly among the best of their generation, they showed in their recent Paris debut, which took place at the Théâtre du Châtelet with a performance of "Death and the Maiden", that there were still minutiae to deal with, mostly in matters of balance.

Peter Manning's first violin, not always perfectly tuned, tended to assume undue prominence even in passages where the function of his line was predominantly to decorate. Yet the blend of second violin and viola (Keith Pascoe and Peter Lale) seemed well nigh perfect, and Andrew Shulman's cello provided both a firm bass for the group as a whole and a beguilingly lyrical individualism wherever that was required. Moreover, the pacing of the whole work was neither too spacious nor rushed, and the sober judgment of dynamics and articulation avoided turning drama into the hysteria which that opening phrase often signals in performances less mature.

Last Thursday the quartet found itself back on home soil in the first of three lunchtime concerts at the Purcell Room, juxtaposing Tchaikovsky's quartets with examples by Janáček, Beethoven and Mozart. Tchaikovsky's First Quartet was beautifully judged, with utmost care taken not to hang around too much in the infamously sentimental Andante Cantabile. Once again, Manning tended occasionally to stray marginally under pressure, but here the odd imprecision was actually welcome, adding to the tension and sense of immediacy of the performance. Moreover, the balance showed that in this instance there was some intelligent listening going on.

It was the same in Janáček's Second Quartet, that late paean of chaste passion to which the composer, with disarming frankness, gave the title "Intimate Letters". Here the Brittens, obviously in their element, were able to uncover the same rich vein of ardent passion that comes across so vividly on their recording.

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With work scarce and solicitors doing more advocacy, the Bar is in crisis. **Frances Gibb** reports

MARC ASPLAND



Lucy Merriman, 24, and James Todd, 26, young barristers working in the Temple, London. Many of their contemporaries have been forced to drop out through lack of work

Will the Bar face collapse?

The Bar is in a state of crisis: a drastic reduction of work over the past three years has forced increasing numbers of newly qualified barristers to drop out within a year or two of qualifying, while those who struggle to stay chase fewer and fewer briefs.

The difficulties of finding work are exacerbated by the shortage of both training and permanent places in chambers (pupillages and tenancies), reducing more young barristers to "squatting" temporarily in chambers which will let them in.

The shortage of work coincides with a growth in the Bar by 23 per cent over four years, bringing it to the record size of 7,735 last month.

On top of this, new entrants are starting out with bigger debts than ever before — overdrafts of £10,000 are not uncommon. Debts run up during degree course years are then driven higher with the cost of paying for the Bar's one-year vocational training course. This is falling on more students as local authorities cut back on discretionary grants: the percentage of students at the Inns of Court school of law receiving grants fell from 60.5 per cent in 1990-1 to 39.53 per cent in 1992-3.

As a report published yesterday on the young Bar said, the problem is one for the Bar as a whole. There is a risk, it warns, that the shortage of work will cause the Bar to "collapse from the bottom upwards. Unless the Bar recruits sufficient young barristers of ability who can train, gain experience, practice and go on to be senior and leading members of the profession, the profession will have no future".

Almost a quarter of the Bar — nearly 2,000 barristers — have been qualified for less than five years. The plight of Kate Rowlands, 24, is typical. She has done her pupillage year and now, unable to find a tenancy, is trying to get a third six months' pupillage. "People coming into the Bar so far outweigh the places available, that it can be a real struggle. It is very much a question of luck."

Last year the Bar's law school turned out about 860 new barristers when there are less than 500 permanent tenancies in chambers.

Ms Rowlands joined a commercial set of chambers where she was given a pupillage award of £5,000 in her second six months. However, there was no work. "The big commercial clients don't want junior barristers. "I owe my grandparents more than £3,000 for the Bar school fees which they paid because my local authority stopped giving grants. The legal profession is the only one without a mandatory grant for training."

John Boumphrey, another recently qualified barrister and one of the founders of the Pupils and Squatters Group, said that a small survey of pupils had found the average debt to be £6,250, and the average gross annual income to be £3,500, "although this was rarely achieved". Where barristers did get work, he said, the payment was very low, at between £10 and £20 for a hearing in the magistrates' courts, out of which had to come travel expenses. "And then we have to wait four and six months for payment."

The crisis has been created in part by a big fall off in the work of the courts. The volume of magistrates' courts work has dropped by 5 per cent over two years and the percentage of cases in which the Crown Prosecution Service uses outside lawyers has been halved to 20 per cent in the past three years. It is set to halve again over the next two years. In the Crown Court, work given to the Bar by the CPS has dropped by 10 per cent in the past two years.

The problems were partly predictable. The Bar is starting to feel the chill effects of the government's legal reforms and its aim to increase competition in the legal services market. Faced with a fall off in domestic conveyancing, solicitors are doing much of the work that they used to pass on to young barristers. Nicholas Vineall, chairman of the Young Barristers' Committee, said: "This has nothing to do with the battle over rights of audience. This is work that solicitors have always been able to do, in the magistrates' and county courts, but which, when they were busier, they put out to junior counsel."

Second, in the criminal courts, young barristers are facing increasing competition from solicitors who are preparing to do more advocacy work and are also offering to act on an agency basis for other solicitors, on attractive terms.

In part, the problem in the criminal courts has been "skewed" by new Legal Aid fees. These make it more profitable for solicitors to use other solicitors as freelance advocates than barristers. Peter Goldsmith QC, vice-chairman-elect of the Bar, who chaired the report into the Young Bar, says that competition is acceptable, but it must be fair. The new fees discriminate against the Bar and he is seeking a change in the rules from the Lord Chancellor. Mr Goldsmith admits, however, that solicitors are also changing the way they work to exploit a more open market. When solicitors win the right to take cases in the Crown Court — as they will soon — the Bar faces an even greater loss of criminal work there.

Bar leaders are now examining what they must do to survive. It seems certain the Bar will reduce in size. Mr Vineall says: "We don't have a God-given right to be barristers. We can't produce more work, so I expect the Bar to get smaller."

Among the report's recommendations are that the Bar must repackage and reorganise its services to be more attractive: one idea is that barristers act for several defendants or do more than one hearing for a fixed fee, and provide such services as offering to collect and deliver files to solicitors' offices. Barristers and clerks are urged to provide competitive quotes which can be directly compared with solicitors' charges.

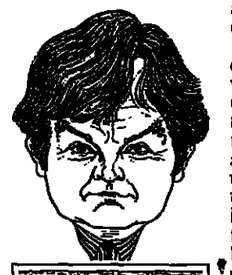
Mr Goldsmith says: "I don't see this as all doom and gloom. It's important to retain a strong, independent Bar. We can do that, provided we make sure that we provide clients with what they want." There were still too many complaints from solicitors that young barristers "aped the less attractive habits of their senior colleagues". To survive, the Bar would have to change, now.

Nailing down the evidence

The other week the 13 chief crown prosecutors in England and Wales rallied to the suppport of Barbara Mills QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, following an outspoken attack on her by Michael Bennett, the chairman of the London Police Federation.

The attack and the declarations of support reflect the controversial high-profile role of the Crown Prosecution Service. As head of the CPS, Mrs Mills is blamed both for dropping cases and for proceeding with cases such as those of the alleged student rapists, Austen Donnellan and Matthew Kydd. Controversial trials and newspaper comments about the colour of Mrs Mills's finger nails serve to divert attention from much more serious complaints about the CPS.

There has been much public criticism of the CPS pamphlet, *Green Housekeeping*, which urges prosecutors to protect the ozone layer and to recycle paper. Prosecutors are concerned more with the growing amount of paperwork than recycling it. One prosecutor said: "You have to fill in forms for why you lost or dropped a case, but the form keeps changing all the time."



BRIEF

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The strict grading and hierarchy of the civil service has also attracted criticism from those used to the flexibility of private practice. "The size of your desk depends on what grade you are, rather than the work you are doing," commented one senior prosecutor.

Attempts by management to impose a consistent system of working for the whole country have led to suggestions that police files are rejected if a single document is out of order. There is little evidence of this happening in practice, but one complaint is that the police still frequently fail to put details of previous convictions on a file. This is vital information because it affects the granting of bail.

The morale of prosecutors is low and symptomatic of this is a widely held belief that there is a rule that no one is to talk to anyone more than two grades above them. There is no evidence of this and a spokeswoman for the CPS said: "There is no such policy." Despite this, the myth has gained credence in a service where more than one-third of staff are qualified lawyers.

All prosecutors are appraised for staff purposes on a scoring system of one to five, where boxes 1 and 2 represent their chances of getting performance-related pay. There is widespread cynicism about the system. "The general feeling is that everyone gets Box 3. To get Box 1 or 2 you have to do something significantly more than your job. How can you do this when you just have your job to do?" asked one prosecutor who said that he had never heard of anyone getting performance-related pay.

At the heart of these complaints is a belief that management is out of touch with the reality of day to day prosecuting.

The statistics suggest a service that is getting more expensive. In 1990-1, the CPS finished 1,584,992 cases and cost £198.77 million to run. The comparable figures for 1992-3 are 1,532,512 finished cases at a cost of £257.49 million. The average cost of each case is 1990-1 was £125. In 1992-3, the average was £168, an increase of 34 per cent in two years.

The CPS says that although the number of cases may have dropped, its workload has not, and points to the increased complexity of cases and additional disclosure requirements.

A spokeswoman denied that there was unnecessary collection of statistics, describing them as "routine and the absolute minimum needed to carry out our business". She said that there was flexibility over work requirements, and this would increase by improvements in team work. Performance-related pay amounting to 2.25 per cent of the total pay bill will be paid once all the staff appraisal reports are finished.

Owing to the recession, the CPS has no difficulty in recruiting. It accounts for 10 per cent of the civil service in the senior grades 5-7. It has a highly qualified professional staff and an important job to do. Yet morale and confidence in senior management are low.

Last week, the First Division Association, which represents crown prosecutors, announced a survey of membership attitudes within the CPS. It is taking the unusual step of asking lawyers involved in prosecuting about their attitude to their jobs, the restructuring of the service and the management response to a host of staff relations problems.

Elizabeth Symons, the general secretary, branded the management as high-handed and insensitive. Senior CPS lawyers believe their professional discretion is increasingly fettered by prescriptions from the centre about how prosecutions should be dealt with, she says; and members are angry about the lack of real consultation and guidance on issues such as pay, grading and staffing.

This crisis of confidence requires more attention than the colour of Mrs Mills's fingernails.

● *The author is a practising solicitor.*

Boiling point

AS CROWN prosecutors await the decision of senior judges on whether they are to be allowed to take cases in the Crown Court, the Bar is coming under increasing pressure from within its own ranks over its opposition to employed barristers acting in Crown Courts.

Voting closes today in the first election of employed barristers to the Bar's governing body, the Bar Council. Previously, all 12 representatives of the employed barristers were in effect nominated. Eight candidates are contesting the four seats.

The 12 representatives are in a minority on the 110-member council but the fur will nonetheless fly over the question of rights of audience once the election is over. The country's 2,500 employed barristers are becoming increasingly incensed at the Bar's attitude to them.

One candidate, Neil Addison, a CPS barrister based in Newcastle upon Tyne, says: "By refusing to allow employed barristers into court, the Bar Council is effectively saying that, because we get our cheques once a month rather than case by case, it in some way makes us less trustworthy."

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MISHCON de Reya may be adroit at handling the Princess of Wales's legal actions over the publication of the "workout" photographs, but the firm has not yet got to grips with the responsibilities which handling a high-profile case brings. The only solicitor available to answer a simple press query on the writs declined to reply and abruptly put down the telephone. Fortunately, clerks down at the Farrar's Building chambers of Lord Williams of Mostyn QC, who drafted the writs, were happy to help and supplied the answer in two minutes.



Lord Mackay: dual role

Mackay hits back

THE Lord Chancellor last week rebutted criticism that, as a government minister, he should not be head of the judiciary because he could not impartially represent its interests. Giving the first in this year's Hamlyn Lectures at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in London, Lord Mackay of Clashfern also rejected any idea that there should be a Ministry of Justice. A recently retired Court of Appeal judge, Sir Francis Purchas, had made a bitter attack on what he said was the steady erosion of judicial independence by the executive and he had questioned the role of the Lord Chancellor. Lord Mackay said that, as someone from a judicial background, the Lord Chancellor was best placed to understand the judiciary's problems associated with resources.

Loophold plugged

A BREAKTHROUGH in the attack on "phoenix" companies by the Inland Revenue and HM Customs and Excise occurred last week when a company director was convicted of tax evasion. Between 1980 and 1990, Christopher Tarpey liquidated 17 companies before PAYE, National Insurance and VAT liabilities had been paid, but continued his business through a newly formed company each time. Tarpey's co-directors, Kevin Nolan and Paul Cressey pleaded guilty. Tarpey pleaded not guilty on the grounds that he had not intended to defraud the authorities.

Full suit

THE sums at stake in law suits brought by solicitors firms against their auditors far outstrip those in cases relating to company audits, according to the professional indemnity insurer MAPIC. The level of claims has caused the insurer to review the cover it provides to law firm auditors and to launch an enquiry into factors which may increase risk. The Law Society is also considering changing its rules to require that solicitors use only registered auditors.

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IN THE WAKE of children going to court to "divorce" their parents, will we see legal actions because parents have not consulted their children on major decisions? In the 100th birthday issue of the children's legal centre journal *Childright*, the centre sets out an "agenda for the future". It contains 80 suggestions covering subjects such as independence, participation by children, child protection, discrimination and access to information. The agenda suggests that 16 and 17-year-olds (who are liable to pay tax) be allowed to vote, that parents be required to consult children over important decisions, and that children of sufficient understanding be given access to their health, social work and education records.

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Wrong attitude to adopt?

The white paper on adoption may seem to take a no-nonsense approach but, says Chris Barton, it is riddled with inconsistencies

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The old way: a typical intake of boys into a Barnardos home in the 1870s

The government's recently published white paper on adoption law, "Adoption: the Future", has turned out to be soft on the most tricky issue of all: who can adopt?

Publication of the paper was delayed when its subject matter — which seemed uncontroversial — became embroiled in allegations of political correctness.

In the wake of press reports of applicants being rejected because they were the wrong age (over 40) or the wrong race (not that of the child), the prime minister's office was reported to be combing the original draft for tendencies to trendiness — poised to prune any twisted ideological growth.

But the draft that has emerged — despite its constant exhortations to "commonsense" and its deprecations of "ideology" — fudges the tough question of who should actually be permitted to adopt a child.

Although there is an assurance that parents in their forties "may well have much to bring to the care and upbringing of adopted children", the government shows no intention of changing the present law, which permits adoption workers to use their discretion about the age of applicants.

The law will continue to permit single-parent/homosexual placements while disallowing applications by heterosexual couples who are not married. As for one-parent adoptions, the paper cites the "devotion" that single women can bring to adopted children, and goes on to mention the care provided by widowed stepfathers with whom a child has lived before the mother's death.

The ban on adoption by cohabitants is based on the fact that an unmarried couple can split up without reference to the divorce courts. Therefore, no official body is required to look after the interests of the children. Yet since the Children Act 1989, a court is hardly ever required to give proper consideration to the future of even marital children when their parents part.

So the eligibility of single, possibly homosexual, applicants will continue, as does the ban on couples in stable heterosexual partnerships. This seems at odds with the government view that a child's best chance of successful development to adulthood is through a "stable and enduring relationship with two parents" — even though the paper does not refer to "mother and father" in this context.

Although there are known to be some seven thousand adoptions a year, there are no figures as to the racial backgrounds of either the children or the applicants. (The last statutory overhaul in 1976 made no reference to ethnic or cultural matters.)

Again, contrary to its own hype, the government has chosen not to take a firm stance against the supposedly "politically correct" refusals of adoption workers to make trans-racial placements. Instead, it has contented itself with the mild statement that there is no "conclusive research" to demonstrate that such children will necessarily encounter problems of identity or prejudice later in life.

Those assessing applicants, the paper contends, may merely have given ethnic and cultural factors "an unjustifiably decisive influence", thus failing to make a "balanced overall judgment" of the applicants' suitability. Yet it is only by government "guidelines" that this is to be rectified, not by binding legislation.

Whatever the legal rules, the reality is that for every home-grown baby adopted each year, there are probably about a hundred adults who have applied to be considered for the job. The number of adoptions has nearly halved over the past 15 years and it is within this context of demand increasingly outstripping supply that the government has produced its white paper.

Crucially, and once again involving government support of the status quo, the courts are to continue to play no part in the actual selection of would-be adopters.

Panels set up by local authorities or voluntary agencies are to carry on resolving the intense competition for the job, leaving courts merely to say yea or nay to the couple put forward as adoptive parents for a specific child.

Virginia Bottomley, the minister responsible, hopes "dogmatic" attitudes will be avoided by increasing the number of independent members of these panels which — in one of few new, good, ideals in the paper — might include people who have been successful adopters themselves. Although disappointed applicants will have access to a new complaints procedure, the best they will be able to hope for is a right to apply to another local authority or agency.

According to "Adoption: The Future", the new legislation will emphasise that the likely benefit of adoption is to be "so significantly better when compared with other options" as to justify going ahead.

Perhaps some, at least, of the parents of the 150,000 children whose mothers and fathers divorce every year will be relieved that this criterion is not to be of mandatory application to *their* children.

● *The author is Reader in the Centre for Critical Legal Studies at Staffordshire University and co-author of* Questions and Answers in Family Law *(Blackstone, £7.99).*

Recent cases illustrate problems for prosecutors and law firms

Fraud and the way forward

Allegations of complex fraud are still very much in the news. Whether it is measures by the Bank of England to tackle illegal deposit-takers, or the jailing of company directors for their part in tax frauds through "phoenix" companies, debate continues on how the legal system and regulatory bodies should tackle fraud.

Meanwhile, Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, last month announced a review of the handling of fraud prosecutions by the Serious Fraud Office and the Crown Prosecution Service, to look at the distribution of cases between the two bodies. They are responsible for bringing the majority of serious fraud cases before the courts.

Students with views on what should be done have just under two weeks in which to submit their entries for *The Times* law awards, sponsored by the Norton Rose M5 Group, an association of seven independent law firms. The closing date is November 29.

The competition is open to all students in any discipline and the question to be addressed, in 1,000 words or less, is "Can the legal system cope with serious fraud?".

The debate takes place in the wake of a series of high-profile fraud trials — the two Guinness trials and Blue Arrow case — and the reforms recommended by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in the summer.

Problematic fraud cases are not confined to London. Paul Haggett, a white-collar crime expert with Burges Salmon, of Bristol, a member of the Norton Rose M5 Group, has recently been engaged in a case involving charges against a group of former local government officials. A month into the trial, a key charge against the officials collapsed.

"What this raised for me was the issue of the management of these cases," he says. "In civil litigation, one always asks whether it will be worth taking a case to court in terms of the likelihood of success and the costs. I sometimes wonder whether the Serious Fraud Office and the Crown Prosecution Service should give more thought to expense before they prosecute."



Saunders: jailed for part in Guinness fraud

The idea that justice should be pursued only when the state can afford to do so, and when a conviction is virtually guaranteed, may offend the high-minded, but may be the only pragmatic response.

David Heferon, of Booth & Co, the Leeds member of the Norton Rose M5 Group, and an expert on building society fraud, says: "We have to face the fact that the complexity of fraud cases, the technicalities involved and the time which they take up in preparation and in court are unavoidable."

The upshot of this complexity, says James Bagge, a Norton Rose partner, is that some victims of fraud, particularly corporate victims, are failing to come forward with evidence because of the time and trouble involved.

Mr Bagge adds: "An enormous amount of hassle, time and expense is needed to provide evidence in these cases of fraud. As a result, some companies say why bother? If something could be done — as it is in Spain — to allow the judge to award compensation at the end of a case, it might be worth their while."

So, alongside issues of trial by jury and law reform, there may also be management issues to be addressed by the authorities, specifically concerning the way in which such cases are handled.

For law firms, too, there are challenges. To work successfully in the area of fraud demands the ability to keep a tight grip on the key issues while also getting to grips with the vast amount of detail they bring. But achieving that balance between specialist knowledge and broad overview is, according to Jonathan Barclay, the chairman of Norton Rose M5, going to be a continuing theme for lawyers working in the corporate field.

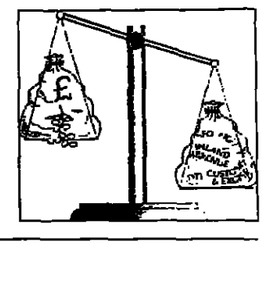
"There needs to be a fresh emphasis on the partner-client relationship," Mr Barclay says. "Increasing specialisation in lawyers' skills is unavoidable. To balance that, you need to strengthen the relationship between lead partners and clients so that there is always someone in a law firm who has the over view of a client's affairs and who can handle any of their concerns."

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The appointment is for six months. Salary by negotiation.

Please contact Sarah Tingay on 081 614 2854 for an application form to be returned by Monday, 22 November 1993.

THAMES TELEVISION

BBC

Senior Legal Assistant

(Part-time/Job Share)
Copyright & Artists' Rights Department
Legal Adviser's Division

The BBC's Copyright & Artists' Rights Department (part of the BBC's Corporate Legal Department) is offering a one year contract as a Lawyer (Solicitor or Barrister) at a senior level on a part-time/job share basis.

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For further information about this post, which will be based at White City, West London, please contact Vanessa Levy on 081-752 5028.

For an application form please contact Siobhan Brewer on 081-752 5110 (quoting ref. 13806/T).

Application forms to be returned by November 24th.

It is envisaged that interviews will take place in the week beginning November 29th.

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Golfers have soft shoulders to lean on when going gets rough

Caddies who provide both tee and sympathy

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN MONTPELLIER

BY THE time she had reached the halfway mark yesterday, Sally Swallow had a face like thunder. "Terrible," she muttered. "His elbow's gone." So, it seemed, had a chance of jumping on next year's golfing gravy train.

From a steady one under par after four rounds, Jon Robson dropped seven strokes over the opening nine holes and his caddie, fiancée and part-time psychologist was beginning to despair, though she could not let it show. It would have been even worse had Robson not sunk a 12-footer on the ninth to save par, earning a pat on the backside for his bravery.

All in all, it was the roughest day so far at the European qualifying school in Montpellier, a day to test relationships and nerves. When darkness fell, with ten players unable to complete the final few holes, only two players, Scott Watson and Stuart Cage, both English, had broken par as the wind scattered scores and hopes like confetti.

The leader, Brian Nelson, was still out on the course, having dropped two shots to be 11 under par, and will complete the final two and a half holes of his fifth round at 7.15 this morning. Steve Bottomley, playing in the same group, was five over for the round, seven under for the tournament.

This morning, Robson and his faithful caddie, will start at dawn and play through till dusk in a final effort to regain the card he lost this season. It will be just like old times. Before he turned professional, Robson, 25, was up at 4am most days delivering groceries to the local stores in Basildon. In one of them he met Sally, two years younger, who now caddies at most of the tournaments within easy reach of Britain, adding a fine eye for the putting line to her duties as emotional support.

"He does most of the work himself," Sally said. "But if he is not sure of a putt, he will ask my opinion and I am starting to learn the yardages as well. The most important job for me is keeping his morale up, keeping him relaxed during a round."

Since Sally has carried his bag, Robson has missed just one cut, not enough to protect his card on the Tour, but promising enough to continue with the experiment. "There is a lot to be said for it. I feel more comfortable with Sally on the bag than a professional caddie. She doesn't have the technical expertise yet, but she lifts your morale."

Gabriel Hjertstedt, a Swede living in Australia, whose blonde-haired caddy, Anna Tivelius, has been turning heads all week, put it more succinctly. "In a do-or-die event like this, everyone can play golf so what you need is emotional support. It's great to have a hug once in a while and you don't get that from a normal caddie."

Tivelius, who lives in Helsingborg, does not even like golf, but was happy to earn £300 for a week when she had nothing better to do. Hjerstedt shot a level par 72 to remain one under, perfectly placed for the final onslaught. "I was just glad to get finished," he said.

Far from increasing the personal pressure, Robson finds that not having to employ a full-time caddie eases his mind as well as his bank balance. "Earlier this season I was struggling and I was aware that my failures were hurting my caddie as well. There were two guys out there trying to earn a living and so there was more pressure."

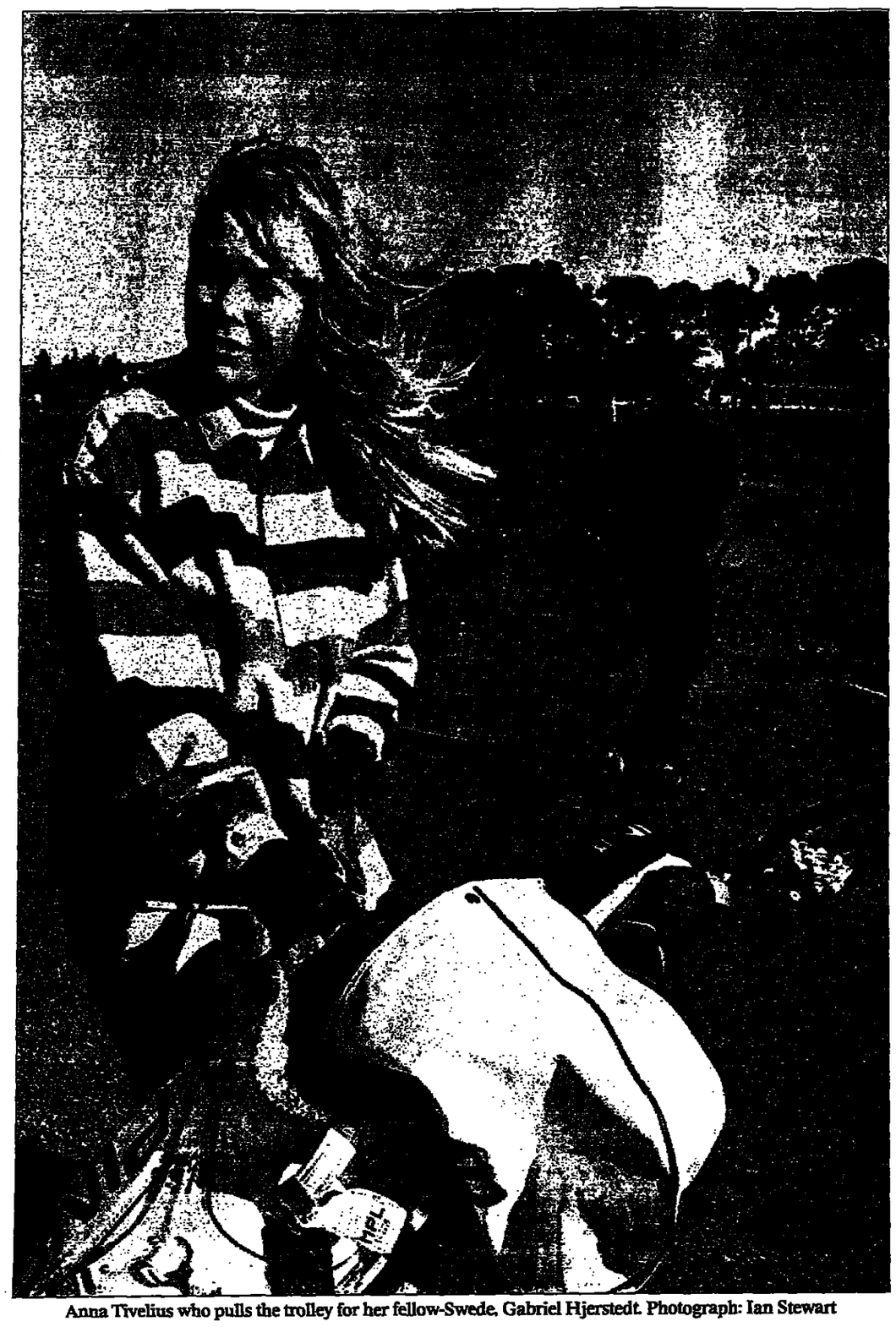
Yesterday, a combination of the wind and lightning fast greens scrambled almost every mind, which gave Watson an unseen advantage. His girl friend is a community psychiatrist by trade and had clearly cast a spell over the Hampshire professional, whose cautious approach proved just right for the conditions. "I was just trying to think my way round the course," Watson, who has been to the "Q" school six times before without qualifying, said. "You just have to hope that your mind allows you to play the golf your capable of."

If the wind howls again today, it will be another time for caution, but Watson has done enough to win his card. Robson, who dropped three shots in the first two holes and could not get his round back together again until the turn, looks sure to be on the brink of triumph and disaster. "This is a frightening place and a horrible week," he said. "But, win or lose, it's good to know you have someone on your side."

SCORES

FIFTH ROUND: Early leaders: 353: S Watson (Eng), 70, 73, 72, 68, 70; J Hall (Eng), 68, 73, 68, 71. 73. 355: R Alvarez (Arg), 66, 71, 72, 70, 76. 356: R McFarlane (Eng), 68, 72, 73, 70, 73; L Westwood, 67, 69, 73, 70, 77. 357: C-M Stromberg (Swe), 66, 73, 73, 68, 77

359: M Gronberg (Swe), 74, 69, 70, 71, 75; G Hjerstedt (Swe), 71, 74, 71, 71, 72; R Berhorst (Ger), 72, 71, 71, 68, 77; A Collson (Eng), 64, 73, 74, 71, 77. 360: A Seika (Ger), 69, 74, 69, 72, 76; P Golding, 77, 68, 69, 73, 74; M Pitz (Fin), 76, 70, 67, 70, 77; M Nichols (Eng), 71, 70, 71, 70, 78; S Hamill (N Ire), 69, 71, 68, 73, 79.



Anna Tivelius who pulls the trolley for her fellow-Swede, Gabriel Hjerstedt. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Hazard of racing in Southern Ocean exposed

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THE danger of racing in the icy waters of the Southern Ocean were brought home to the yacht crews competing in the Whitbread Round the World Race yesterday when the Japanese bow man, Ken Hara, was washed overboard from Chris Dickson's New Zealand entry, Tokio.

The crewman, 30, went for an involuntary dip at 15:15GMT during what should have been a routine spinnaker change, but was recovered none the worse for his ordeal moments after the crew tacked the boat round and sailed back to him.

The rescue speaks volumes for the much-improved safety measures brought in by the Royal Naval Sailing Association for this race, following six man-over-board incidents on this leg during the last race four years ago.

Now in the Roaring Forty latitudes, racing remains remarkably close with Lawrie Smith's Intrum Justitia holding a tenuous lead over Javier de la Gandara's Spanish 60-footer, Galicia 93, and Winston, the American entry.

Six miles ahead, Merit Cup, Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss maxi, was having an equally tense battle with Grant Dalton's first-leg winner, New Zealand Endeavour. One mile divided the two rivals yesterday afternoon.

The Tokio crew may have lost little time rescuing their bow man, but their early tactic to head due south has failed so far to pay dividends. Yesterday, Tokio trailed seventh in class, 46 miles behind Intrum Justitia, though this may close overnight for Tokio and Dawn Riley's Women's Challenge, who chose the same tactic. Both were sailing faster than Smith's yacht.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 1400GMT yesterday with miles to Fremantle, Aust): Mixed Class: 1, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 7,250; 2, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 7,251; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 7,266; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Venzini, Uru), 7,334.

Whitbread 60 Class: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur), 7,255; 2, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 7,258; 3, Winston (S Butterworth, US), 7,261; 4, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 7,268; 5, Heiman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr), 7,268; 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 7,269; 7, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 7,302; 8, Brookfield (G Maisio, It), 7,302; 9, Women's Challenge (D Riley, US), 7,318; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr), 7,361.

☐ Information provided by BT.

Salford's cup hopes unstuck by tough tie at Batley

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

MOST of the country's leading rugby league clubs have been put on a collision course in the third-round draw for rugby league's Regal Trophy, giving the three giant-killers from the previous round every chance of making further progress.

Mount Pleasant, the home of Batley, of the second division, is like Hellfire Corner for visiting teams these days. Sheffield Eagles came unstuck on the glue-pot pitch on Sunday, and Salford will not relish the prospect of a trip there on December 12.

After beating Wakefield Trinity, Carlisle have an easier task at home to Bramley. London Crusaders' dismissal of Featherstone Rovers has earned them an away tie at Ryedale-York.

This means that the second division will have at least two sides in the last eight for the first time in four years. Of the five all-first division matches, the pick is the one between St Helens, now recovering their form, and Warrington, who seem genuine contenders this season.

Wigan, the holders, face an awkward tie at Oldham, as do Widnes at Hull, while Bradford Northern, the beaten finalists last year, entertain their West Yorkshire rivals, Halifax.

Salford yesterday beat Wakefield to the signature of Andy Gregory, after offering the Leeds and former Great Britain scrum half, 32, an 18-month contract.

The departure of Gregory is the least of the Headingley team's worries. The second-row forward, Gary Mercer, is their latest injury worry and is doubtful for the rearranged Stones Bitter championship home match with St Helens tomorrow.

DRAW

REGAL TROPHY: Third round: Ryedale-York v London Crusaders; Oldham v Wigan; St Helens v Warrington; Bradford Northern v Halifax; Hull v Widnes; Batley v Salford; Carlisle v Bramley; Hull Kingston Rovers or Castleford v Leigh.

☐ Ties to be played weekend of December 11 and 12.

Kosar hops on Dallas bandwagon

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

TALK about landing on your feet. Last Monday the so-so Cleveland Browns cut Bernie Kosar, the quarterback who led them to five divisional titles. Was he desperate to revive his National Football League career? Not for long. Two days later he signed with the Dallas Cowboys, the hottest team in the league. Terms: $1 million to finish the season as insurance for Troy Aikman, who is nursing a hamstring.

On Sunday, Kosar led Dallas to two first-half touchdowns in a 20-15 win over the Phoenix Cardinals for their seventh successive victory.

Jason Garrett, starting at quarterback for Dallas, engineered a 44-yard field goal by Eddie Murray on the opening series. Kosar took over late in the first quarter and directed a nine-play, 65-yard march with Emmitt Smith, ignoring a touch of the flu, scoring on a four-yard run. Kosar then led a six-play drive, including an 86-yard catch-and-run by Smith that took the ball to the goalline, where Kosar hit Jay Novacek with a one-yard scoring toss. After leading 17-0 at half-time, Dallas added a 43-yard field goal by Murray.

Phoenix scored on two field goals by Greg Davis and a 17-yard touchdown throw from Chris Chandler to Larry Centers, plus a safety when Kosar, pressured in his end zone, was cited for intentionally grounding the ball.

The Cowboys yielded no more than one touchdown for the eighth game in a row but were forced to withstand a late challenge. The Cardinals took over at their own 13-yard line with two minutes left and a chance to win. But after three passes advanced the ball to the Dallas 48, Chandler managed only a seven-yard throw to Ricky Proehl in four downs to kill off any upset hopes. Kenny Gant, the Dallas safety, secured the win by intercepting a fourth-down pass at his own 34.

NFL RESULTS AND TABLES

RESULTS: Week 11: Houston 38, Cincinnati 3, Green Bay 19, New Orleans 17; NY Giants 20, Washington 6; Miami 19, Philadelphia 14, San Francisco 45, Tampa Bay 21; Dallas 20, Phoenix 15; Minnesota 26, Denver 23; NY Jets 31, Indianapolis 17; Kansas City 31, LA Raiders 20; Atlanta 13, LA Rams 0; Seattle 22, Cleveland 5; Chicago 16, San Diego 13.

American Football Conference

East division

	W	L	PF	PA
Buffalo Bills	7	1	172	97
Miami Dolphins	7	2	201	159
NY Jets	5	4	217	158
Indianapolis Colts	3	6	145	210
New Eng Patriots	1	8	113	200

Central division

Pittsburgh Steelers	6	3	192	138
Cleveland Browns	5	4	188	181
Houston Oilers	5	4	206	157
Cincinnati Bengals	0	9	100	224

West division

Kansas City Chiefs	7	2	164	144
Denver Broncos	5	4	239	175
LA Raiders	5	4	172	178
Seattle Seahawks	5	5	165	169
San Diego Chargers	4	5	157	183

National Football Conference

East division

	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas Cowboys	7	2	206	129
NY Giants	6	3	180	118
Phila Eagles	4	5	155	191
Phoenix Cardinals	3	7	183	176
Washn Redskins	2	7	145	229

Central division

Detroit Lions	7	2	187	140
Green Bay Packers	5	4	199	161
Minnesota Vikings	5	4	158	177
Chicago Bears	4	5	142	124
Tampa Bay Bucs	2	6	99	206

West division

New Orlns Saints	6	3	200	173
San Fran 49ers	6	3	255	179
Atlanta Falcons	3	6	184	222
LA Rams	2	7	131	205

☐ Does not include last night's game: Buffalo at Pittsburgh.

FIXTURES: Sunday: Chicago at Kansas City; Cincinnati at NY Jets; Dallas at Atlanta, Green Bay v Detroit (at Milwaukee); Houston at Cleveland; Indianapolis at Buffalo; LA Raiders at San Diego; New England at Miami; NY Giants at Philadelphia; Pittsburgh at Denver; Washington at LA Rams; Minnesota at Tampa Bay. Monday: New Orleans at San Francisco.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday November 20 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Aston Villa v Sheff Utd
1 Blackburn v South'pton
2 Chelsea v Arsenal
1 Everton v QPR
1 Man Utd v Wimbledon
1 Norwich v Man City
X Sheff Wed v Coventry
1 Swindon v Ipswich
2 Tottenham v Leeds
1 West Ham v Oldham

Not on coupons: Newcastle v Liverpool (Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION

2 Barnsley v C Palace
X Birmingham v Portsm'th
1 Derby v Grimsby
1 Leicester v Oxford
1 Millwall v Tranmere
2 Peterboro v Charlton
2 Sunderland v Southend
X Watford v Bristol C

Not on coupons: Luton v Wolverhampton; Middlesbrough v Bolton (Sunday); Notts County v Stoke; West Bromwich v Nottingham Forest (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION

1 Blackpool v Huddr'field
2 Bourn'm'th v Hull
1 Bradford v Plymouth
2 Brentford v Burnley
2 Brighton v Reading
1 Exeter v Port Vale
X Hartlepool v Wrexham
1 Rotherham v Fulham
X Stockport v Bristol R
1 Swansea v Leyton O

Not on coupons: Cambridge v Cardiff (Friday); York v Barnet

THIRD DIVISION

X Carlisle v Preston
1 Chester v North'pton
X Chest'field v Scarboro
1 Darlington v Mansfield
1 Doncaster v Colchester
1 Gillingham v Wigan
X Rochdale v Bury
1 Shrewsbury v Scunthorpe
1 Torquay v Hereford
X Walsall v Lincoln
1 Wycombe v Crewe

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

X Dorking v St Albans
1 Enfield v Chesham
2 Harrow v Dulwich
2 Hayes v Stevenage

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Celtic v Hearts
1 Dundee v St Johnstone
2 Hibernian v Rangers
1 Motherwell v Dundee Utd
2 Partick v Kilmarnock
X Raith v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Airdrie v Dumbarton
1 Brechin v St Mirren
2 Clyde v Falkirk
1 Clydebank v Stirling
1 Dunf'mline v Hamilton
2 Morton v Ayr

SCOTTISH SECOND

X Arbroath v Meadowbank
1 Berwick v Forfar
2 Cowdenb'th v Stranraer

Not on coupons: East Stirling v East Fife; Montrose v Alloa; Queen of the South v Albion; Queen's Park v Stenhousemuir

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Sheffield Wednesday, Birmingham, Watford, Hartlepool, Stockport, Carlisle, Chesterfield, Rochdale, Walsall, Dorking, Raith, Arbroath
BEST DRAWS: Birmingham, Hartlepool, Carlisle, Walsall, Raith.
AWAYS: Arsenal, Leeds, Crystal Palace, Southend, Reading.
HOMES: Aston Villa, Blackburn, West Ham, Derby, Leicester, Exeter, Rotherham, Swansea, Chester, Darlington, Motherwell, Dunfermline.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Aston Villa, West Ham, Derby, Chester, Dunfermline. Aways: Arsenal, Leeds, Reading. Draws: Birmingham, Hartlepool, Carlisle

☐ Vince Wright

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

LAPACTIC

(c) A purgative or laxative, from the Greek *lapassein* to evacuate: "*Lapactics*, a term used by the old writers in medicine to express such things as are purged by stool, or at least gently loosened in the belly." "What can I offer you to drink, Minister? Gin, whisky, soft drink... or something lapactic perhaps?"

MURCID

(a) Lazy or slothful, inert, cowardly, unadvised, *from the Latin murcidus* slothful: " What I particularly admire about you, Penny, is your murcidity. You always seem to have two days off owing in lieu of Sunday or Bank Holiday shifts."

FRISCAJOLY

(b) Used as a refrain in jovial songs, from the pseudo-Italian *frisca* for *frisk + joly* for *jolly*: Bale, 1538: "Now shall I be able to make frowlyke chere, with hey how Friscajoly."

GAMP

(b) A woman resembling Mrs Sarah Gamp, a monthly nurse in Dickens's *Martin Chuzzlewit*, who carried a large cotton umbrella, a monthly nurse or sick nurse of a disreputable character: "She was a trained hospital nurse of the class that is fast driving last generation's Sally Gamps out of the field."

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White calmly plays *1 Qf8!* and after *1 ... Qxf1 2 Qf5+ forces* perpetual check.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 009098 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
Mr. Registrar Buckley
IN THE MATTER OF FLOATING POINT SYSTEMS UK LIMITED
and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice on the 19th day of October 1993 for the confirmation of the reduction in capital of the above-named Company from £2,500,000 divided into 2,500,000 shares of £1 each to £493,176 divided into 493,176 shares of £1 each.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley in the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 24th day of November 1993.
ANY CREDITOR or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction in capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for this.
Dated the 15th day of November 1993.
CARRINGTON, Vale House, Wharf Road, Ash Vale, Surrey, GU12 5AR
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND
In the matter of THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND In the matter of SYLOON FINANCE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention to declare a first dividend to unsecured non-preferential creditors of the above-named company no later than 10 April 1994. Creditors who have not yet done so are required, on or before 10 December 1993, to send their proofs of debt to the undersigned M J LONDON of Cork Gully, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY, the liquidator of the company and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the liquidator to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt by the date specified will be excluded from the dividend.
Dated 5 November 1993
M J London, Joint Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
JWK ENGINEERING LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that P R Sykes of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH was appointed Liquidator of the above company on 19 October 1993 (members) and 2nd November 1993 (creditors).
MCLAUGHLIN & HARVEY PAINTING CONTRACTORS LTD. (In Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that P R Sykes of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH was appointed Liquidator of the above company on 25 October 1993 (members) and 2nd November 1993 (creditors).
MCLAUGHLIN & HARVEY BRICKWORK CONTRACTORS LTD. (In Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that P R Sykes of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH was appointed Liquidator of the above company on 2 November 1993 (members) and creditors).
Creditors are required to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator on or before 16th December 1993 and if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator, personally or by their solicitor to come in and prove their debts at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
P.R. Sykes, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

Rex Centre Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF on 26th November 1993 at 10.05am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy together with a full statement of account at the registered office - 83 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF not later than 12 noon on 24th November 1993.
For the purposes of voting a secured creditor is required (unless he values his security) to lodge at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF between 10.0a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board
M. Rhodes, Director.

IN THE MATTER OF LL.A. CREATIVE SERVICES LTD
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 9 November 1993, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this ninth day of November 1993
M J Carter

The Insolvency Act 1986
K.A. BRODDEN LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that F.F.A. Wessely, of Cape & Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1A 4LH was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 2nd November 1993. Dated this 11th day of November 1993.
F.F.A. Wessely, Liquidator.

NO 008910 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a Petition was on the 13th day of October 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the Reduction of Capital of the above named Company from £13,418,905.10 to £4,690,547.50.
AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on Wednesday the 24th day of November 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of any Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the issued deferred shares should appear at the time of hearing by person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 16th day of November 1993.
Richards Butler
Beaufort House
15 St. Botolph Street
London EC3A 7EE

PUBLIC NOTICES

BATTA, JANOS BATTA otherwise JOHN STEPHEN BATTA otherwise JOHN BATTA late of Shaftesbury, Dorset died there on or about 21 June 1993
(Estate about £108,000)
DANIELS, RONALD WILLIAM DANIELS late of Dagenham, Essex died there on 28 April 1992
(Estate about £11,800)
HOWE nee BULL, GLADYS MAY HOWE otherwise GLADYS HOWE nee BULL WIDOW late of Bristol, Avon died there on 28 December 1992
(Estate about £126,000)
HUSSAIN otherwise HAFIZ otherwise MALIK MUKHTER HUSSAIN otherwise MAHBUB HAFIZ otherwise ROBIN AMON MALIK late of West Hampstead, London NW6 died at Hampstead, London NW3 on 4 December 1992
(Estate about £60,000)
IRWIN, JOHN IRWIN otherwise JOHN JOSEPH IRWIN late of Treherbert, Mid Glamorgan died at Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan on 3 February 1993
(Estate about £20,000)
KLINGER nee FEINBERG. WELLA KLINGER nee FEINBERG WIDOW late of Highbury, London N5 died there on 7 July 1992
(Estate about £50,000)
KUKURUSA. AVERKO KUKURUSA otherwise AVERKO KUKURUSA late of Leeds, West Yorkshire died there on 19 June 1993
(Estate about £20,000)
LOWE otherwise CLIFF, WILLIAM ROBERT LOWE otherwise WILLIAM ROBERT CLIFF late of Normanby, Cleveland died there on 21 October 1992
(Estate about £20,000)
ROBERTS. DOROTHY ROBERTS SPINSTER late of Basingstoke, Hampshire died at Southampton, Hampshire on 9 July 1992
(Estate about £37,000)
SEYMOUR, ARTHUR WILLIAM SEYMOUR late of Poole, Dorset died there on 28 May 1993
(Estate about £10,000)
TOWNSEND, FLORENCE BEATRICE TOWNSEND SPINSTER late of Catford, London SE6 died at Lewisham, London SE13 on 29 November 1992
(Estate about £20,000)
WATKINS, WILLIAM WATKINS late of St. John's Wood, London NW8 died at Camden, London NW1 on 13 February 1993
(Estate about £7,900)
WILLIAMS, MAY WILLIAMS late of Bristol, Avon died there on 31 December 1991
(Estate about £12,600)
WOODWARD formerly CHAPMAN nee BISHOP, DIANE JOAN WOODWARD formerly CHAPMAN nee BISHOP, WIDOW late of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire died there, on 9 May 1993
(Estate about £75,000)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (R.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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1. Full name of applicant: Northern Electric Plc.

2. Address of the applicant or, in the case of a body corporate, the registered or principal office: Carlisle House, Market Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6NE.

3. Where the applicant is a company, the full names of the current Directors and the company's registered number. Registered No. 2366942. Mr David Richard Morris, Mr Antony Hadfield, Mr Ronald Dixon, Mr Alan Groves, Mr George William Hunter Hook, Sir Paul Douglas Nicholson, Mr Stuart Grant Errington and Mr Ian Crawford McCutcheon.

4. Where a holding of 20 per cent or more of the share of an applicant is held by a body corporate or partnership or an unincorporated association carrying on a trade or business with or without a view to profit, the name and address of the holder of such shares shall be provided: Northern Electric Plc, Carlisle House, Market Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6NE.

5. Desired date from which the licence is to take effect: 31 March 1994.

6. A sufficient description adequately specifying the nature and situation of the premises intended to be supplied, separately identifying premises within the power bands specified in and to the extent provided by paragraph 7 below. All premises in England, Wales and Scotland other than those which, during the franchise period, have a maximum demand at or less than the franchise limit in the authorised areas of the following Public Electricity Supply companies together with such premises as may, from time to time, be specified by the Director (with the approval of the Secretary of State) for the purposes of paragraph 5 of Condition 2 of our second tier licences.

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Southern Electric Plc
Scottish Power Plc
Scottish Hydro Plc

7. (a) Subject of sub paragraph (b) indicate the total number of premises intended to be supplied in each power band as shown in the table below, together with the aggregate energy (kwhrs) to be supplied and the aggregate estimated maximum demand for each power band.

(b) If the date in paragraph 5 is on or after 1 April 1994, then only Power Band A shall be completed and if the said date is on or after 1 April 1998, then this paragraph shall cease to have effect.

Power Band	Number of Premises	Aggregate maximum demand	Energy (GWH) to be supplied
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9. A statement of the extent (if any) to which the applicant considers it necessary for powers under Schedule 3 (compulsory acquisition of land etc.) and under Schedule 4 (other powers etc.) to the Act to be given through the licence for which he is applying; all powers of acquisition of land etc. and all other powers available under Schedule 3 and 4 to the Act necessary to carry out activities under licence as a supplier of electricity within the areas defined.

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Copies of maps relevant to this application have been lodged in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Electricity (Applications for Licences and Extensions of Licences) Regulations 1990 at the 12 Regional offices of the Office of Electricity Regulation. Copies are available for inspection by the public between 10am and 4pm on any working day.

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Sampras far too tough for his ATP opponents

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN FRANKFURT

THE draw for the Association of Tennis Professionals world championship, featuring the eight leading players in the world, was bound to be largely inconsequential. Whoever was placed in whichever group here yesterday, the favourite to collect the prize on Sunday has been predetermined. It is Pete Sampras.

The world No 1 and the winner of the last two grand slam tournaments, he confirmed both his stature and his form last week in Antwerp, where he eased his way to the title.

It was the second he had gained on this European tour and his displays prompted Stefan Edberg to state that Sampras may command more than a temporary reign.

DRAW

GROUP A: P Sampras (US), S Bruguera (Sp), S Edberg (Swe), G Ivanisevic (Croatia).
GROUP B: J Courier (US), M Stich (Ger), A Medvedev (Ukr), M Chang (US)
Replacement: T Muster (Austria)

"He is definitely the best player in the world," the Swede said. "He has proved that this year. If he stays healthy, I am sure that he is good enough to be the No 1 for the next two or three years. There are going to be heavy expectations and everyone will want to beat him, but I think he is mentally strong enough to handle it."

Edberg once offered the same appraisal of Boris Becker when he rose to the peak. His words were less than prophetic. The German, the holder of the world championship and the leading money-winner in the 23-year history of the event, is now not even in the top ten.

Edberg was drawn in the Arthur Ashe group with Sampras, Goran Ivanisevic and Sergi Bruguera, his initial opponent.

Jim Courier heads the Stan Smith group. He opens against Michael Chang, a fellow American who has never won a match here. Michael Stich, most likely to finish first in the group, opens today against Andrei Medvedev at the start of a hectic few weeks. In fortnight he will guide Germany through the Davis Cup final before attempting to defend his title in the Grand Slam Cup.

Players' demands could be counter-productive

Power equation must balance



Stuart Jones looks at the two-year struggle for control within the complex world of women's tennis

THE power struggle within women's tennis, which has lasted for two years, is supposed to be resolved this week. Plans for a reconstruction of the tour's governing body are to be announced during the Virginia Slims championship in New York City.

There can be no certainty, though, that unanimous agreement will be reached by the parties at the end of two days of further discussion. Even now, on the eve of apparent accord, a few representatives involved in the talks admit to being confused.

The Women's Tennis Council (WTC), the governing body, is composed of representatives of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the Grand Slams.

The balance of power is to be altered — each at present has three votes — but even Ann Worcester, the managing director of the WTC, says: "There are two or three ways in which the change could go." The lack of certainty and direction, after two years, is both ominous and staggering.

The concept was originally provoked by the revolution which took place towards the end of 1991 within the men's game. The players chose to run their own show but the organisation they formed, the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), does not include the ITF or the Grand Slams.

The WTA, representing the players, tried to become similarly autocratic but the coup failed because the timing was wrong. Whereas the men had broken away at the end of their sponsor's contract, the women's tour was in the middle of a four-year deal with Kraft.

As a compromise, a working group was set up at the Australian Open in January, 1992. Negotiations have continued since and Worcester is 99 per cent certain that consensus is at hand. "There will be open issues," she said. "But it is my fervent hope that the direction of governance will be known by the end of the week."

Deborah Jevans, the director of women's tennis at the ITF, is equally optimistic. "We have been going round in circles and I wouldn't have been positive a couple of weeks ago," she said. "But we are going to come out with a solution and the new body will be a true tennis family. The players' demands initially were ridiculous. They came in with an attitude which had to be stopped."

The disagreements at the French Open in May were even more violent. The players, instead of accepting a third of the voting power on the new board, demanded half. They also showed support for a tour separated from the grand slam events and questioned the validity of the ITF's involvement. "The whole thing nearly fell apart," Jevans said.

Everybody but the players insists that the grand slam events must be kept within the tour. Although grand slam representatives from the United States and Australia will be in New York, the next meeting of the officials of the four tournaments is next month. Not until then will their continuing involvement be sanctioned.

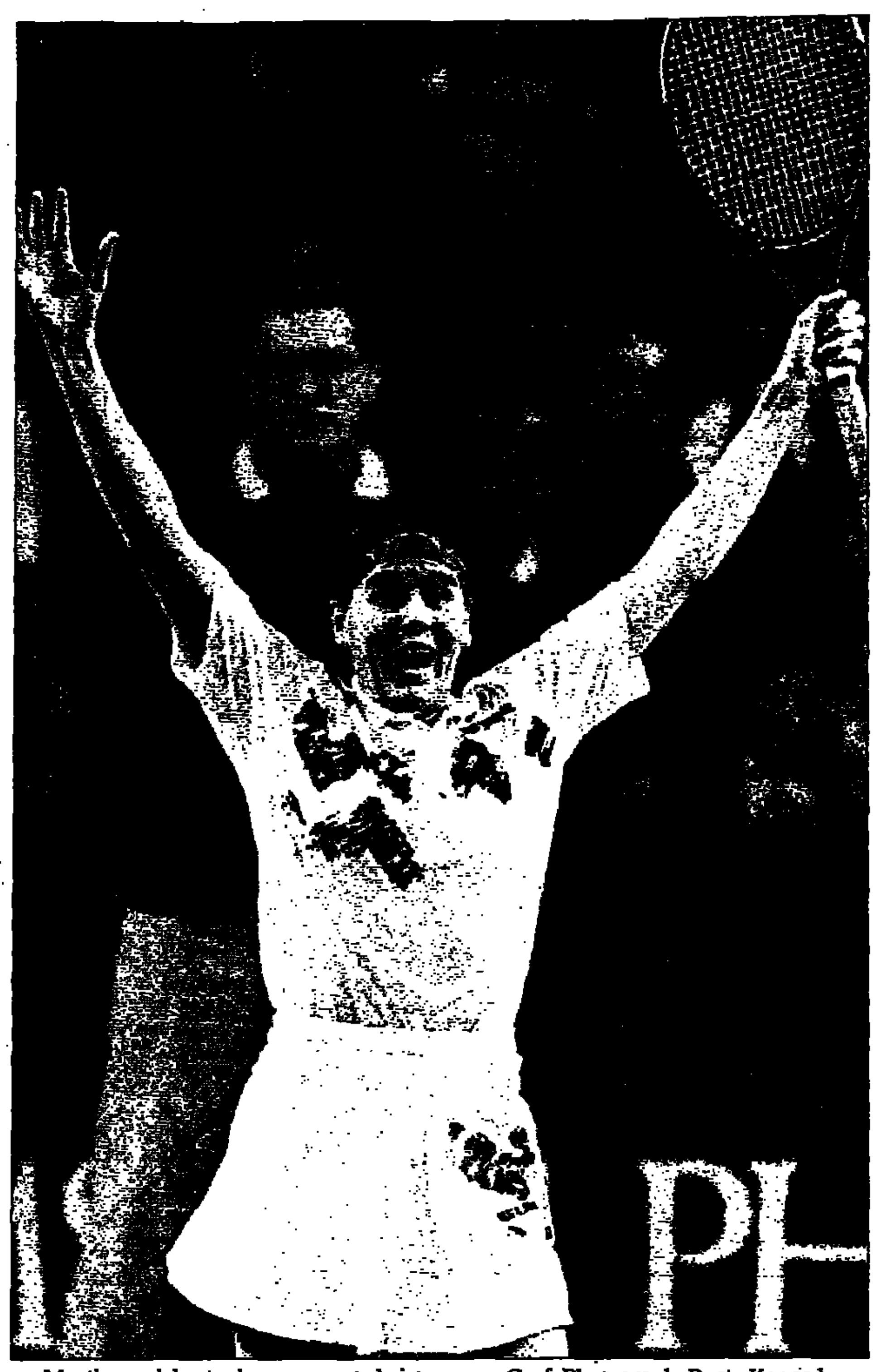
The Virginia Slims championship will be the last event of the 1993 tour and of the Kraft sponsorship. The company withdrew a year earlier than planned, adding to the complications. "As of now, we are up in the air," Jevans said. "Next year we are going ahead with a tour that doesn't have a leading brand behind it, which is never good."

The WTC would have preferred to conduct its own search for a new sponsor. However, it was given virtually no choice but to hire the International Management Group, which handles most of the leading players, and Advantage to do so instead.

Clifford Bloxham, a spokesman for Advantage, says that the quest for sponsorship promises to be fruitful. "Women's tennis is a strong international product. Tennis is the only sport with an equal demographic split between men and women, viewers and readers," he said.

Nevertheless offers will have to be generous. Prize-money this year was $33 million and Steffi Graf won $2,571,337 (£1,725,000). Her defeat by Conchita Martinez in the final in Philadelphia on Sunday left her $51,015 short of the record for earnings by a tennis player in a year. She needs to reach the semi-finals in New York, where the top 16 money-winners are playing, to break it.

The players are seeking an increase variously described as "vast" and "outrageous". Given their way, more tournaments would also be staged — this year there were 62 to the men's 86 — but the requests are ill-timed and could be counter-productive.



Martinez celebrates her unexpected victory over Graf. Photograph: Rusty Kennedy

Martina Navratilova is to retire from singles competition next year, Monica Seles is not certain when, or even if, she will resume and Graf has been considering retirement. Women's tennis is so shallow that, without them, interest would sharply decline.

George Hendon, the sole representative of European tournaments in a working group disproportionately balanced in favour of the United States, foresees an explosion of talent in eastern Europe and especially in the Far East, but perhaps not for another five years. Who is there to fill the potential void?

Much was expected of Jennifer Capriati. For her sake, the permissible age of competitors was reprehensibly lowered from 14 to "in the 14th year". Now 17, and so tired of playing that she withdrew from the Virginia Slims championship, she is being dismissed as "a has-been before she ever was."

As Jana Novotna said recently, it is regrettable that girls so young are allowed to enter the professional circuit. They have no time to develop their technique, personality, or even a sense of fun. No wonder so many are leaving the game prematurely.

Once the protracted political in-fighting and the promotion of self-interests is over, perhaps the new governing body might turn to the pressing problems which have arisen.

PAIRINGS

FIRST ROUND DRAW (for Virginia Slims finals): S Graf (Ger) v N Zvereva (Belo); A Coetzer (SA) v M J Fernandez (US); M Navratilova (US) v N Tauziat (Fr); A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) v H Sukova (Cz); C Martinez (Sp) v M Maleeva-Fragniere (Swtz); G Sabatini (Arg) v M Pierce (US); J Novotna (Cz) v Z Garrison Jackson (US); A Huber (Ger) v M Maleeva (Bul).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Gore Court player critical in hospital

THE Hockey Association was yesterday examining incidents which affected two third-round Cup matches on Sunday, the abandoned game between Bournville and Blueharts and the York-Gore Court fixture which fell through because the visitors did not arrive (Sydney Friskin writes). The Association was more concerned about the Gore Court player, Stuart Ives, who was reported by the club to have been in a critical but stable condition in hospital with serious head injuries, believed to have been received after an altercation in a nightclub at Sheffield on Saturday.

When Bournville and Blueharts arrived for their match at Holte School, Birmingham, they found youths playing football on the pitch. The youths resorted to stone throwing, which was quelled by police. The youths returned at half-time, and Jack Atkinson, the technical delegate, declined to restart without full police protection, which was refused.

Marshall in last four

SQUASH: Peter Marshall, the England No 1, displayed ruthless efficiency to beat Zarak Khan, of Pakistan, in straight games in the Qatar International Championship in Doha yesterday. He now meets Jansher Khan, the world champion, in today's semi-finals. Marshall beat Zarak 15-6, 15-5, 15-13 but Zarak may have been jaded from his second-round encounter the previous day when he edged past Chris Walker, the England No 2, in a five-game match lasting 91 minutes. Jansher was not as fluent as usual in beating Rodney Eyles, of Australia, 15-6, 9-15, 15-10, 15-4.

Zimbabwe outplayed

CRICKET: Sri Lanka kept alive their hopes of reaching the semi-final of the five-nation tournament in India by beating Zimbabwe by 55 runs in Patna yesterday. Sri Lanka scored 263 for six in their 50 overs, with Aravinda de Silva making 68 and Ranatunga 50, before the seventh-wicket pair, Ratnayake and Kaluwitharna, added 38 in the last four overs. Although Alistair Campbell and Andrew Waller scored half-centuries, Zimbabwe, dismissed for 208, could not maintain the required pace against a seven-man attack, left-arm spinner Jayasuriya picking up four wickets.

Wattana celebrates

SNOOKER: James Wattana, of Thailand, displayed the form that has earned him an honour from King Bhumipol as he put the result of his first-round match with Jimmy Chambers in the Royal Liver Insurance UK championship beyond reasonable doubt in Preston yesterday. Wattana has been named Commander of the Most Noble Order of the Crown. He celebrated by building a virtually unassailable 8-0 lead over Chambers at the end of the first session with easily his most convincing play of the season to date.

Oxford omit du Toit

RUGBY UNION: Oxford University have dropped Fanie du Toit, the South African who has been their scrum half in the last two matches against Cambridge at Twickenham, for the annual match against Major R V Stanley's XV at Iffley Road tomorrow. Gareth Baber, from Swansea, is preferred. Nor is there a place on the wing for Richard Wintle, capped once by Wales in 1988, though Gareth Rees returns at stand-off. Chad Lion-Cachet, the captain, plays his first game since damaging an ankle nearly six weeks ago.

Invitation for Couples

GOLF: Fred Couples, Tom Kite and Payne Stewart were yesterday invited to play in the Johnnie Walker World Championship in Jamaica next month. The three players, all from the United States, were invited on the basis of being the three leading players in the Sony World Rankings who had not already qualified for the event at Montego Bay, which runs from December 16 to 19. So far, 25 players have been accepted for the 28-man field with three qualifying events remaining.

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Worthing	13	11	2	1195	1071	22
Manchester	12	10	2	1266	1080	20
Thames Valley	10	9	1	935	770	18
London Towers	12	9	3	1055	1033	18
Guildford	11	8	3	1035	915	16
Derby	12	6	6	1049	1030	12
Sunderland	13	5	8	1131	1227	10
Birmingham	9	4	5	782	737	8
Leicester	10	3	7	789	800	6
Chester	10	3	7	764	827	6
Doncaster	10	2	8	787	868	4
Oldham	10	1	9	737	941	2
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New Jersey 132, Sacramento 102; Los Angeles Lakers 107, Cleveland 100; Portland 114, Detroit 111

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Atlantic division				
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Orlando	3	2	.600	2½
New Jersey	3	3	.500	3
Washington	2	3	.400	3½
Philadelphia	2	4	333	4
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Charlotte	3	2	600	—
Chicago	3	2	.600	—
Cleveland	2	4	.333	1½
Detroit	2	4	333	1½
Atlanta	1	4	.200	2
Indiana	1	4	200	2
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Utah	5	1	.833	½
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San Antonio	2	4	333	3½
Dallas	1	4	.200	4
Minnesota	0	5	.000	5
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Seattle	5	0	1 000	—
LA Clippers	3	2	.600	2
Phoenix	3	2	600	2
Portland	3	2	600	2
Sacramento	3	2	.600	2
Golden State	2	3	.400	3
LA Lakers	2	4	333	3½

BOXING

POHANG, South Korea: World Boxing Council super-flyweight championship: J Bueno (Mex) bt Moon Sung-kil (S Kor, holder), pts.

CASTELNAU-LE-LEZ, France: European light-heavyweight championship: Eddy Smulders (Holl, holder) bt Eric Nicoletta (Fr), pts.

FENCING

CARDIFF: Welsh Open: Epée: Men: 1, R Di Tella (Arg); 2, G Liston (RAF). Martini rankings: 1, S Paul, 2, T Penti Women: 1, A Kirchner (Pol); 2, S Naray (Poly).

FOOTBALL

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Racing Club 2, Huracan 2: Newell's Old Boys 2, Gimnasia y Tiro 0, Boca Juniors 0, Belgrano 1; Ferrocarril Oeste 0, River Plate 2: San Lorenzo 3, Independiente 1, Platense 0, Argentinos Juniors 0; Lanus 1, Velez Sarsfield 1; Estudiantes de La Plata 0, Gimnasia y Esgrima 2: Deportivo Español 0, Banfield 2; Deportivo Mandiyu 3, Rosario Central 3

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GOLF

ORLANDO, Florida: World Cup: Final scores: 556: United States (F Couples, 66, 71, 70, 68; D Love III, 71, 69, 71, 70) 561: Zimbabwe (N Price, 70, 69, 71, 68; M McNulty, 71, 68, 72, 72) 565: Scotland (C Montgomerie, 75, 70, 69, 70; S Torrance, 68, 69, 71, 73). 566: Australia (R Allenby, 72, 68, 70, 70; R Davis, 70, 70, 72, 74) 567: Spain (J Rivero, 73, 72, 66, 74; M-A Jimenez, 72, 70, 72, 68) 568: New Zealand (F Nobilo, 74, 69, 69, 71; G Turner, 73, 73, 64, 75); South Africa (E Els, 69, 71, 72, 66; R Goosen, 71, 74, 69, 76). 571: Germany (B Langer, 69, 68, 66, 69; S Struver, 74, 75, 74, 76). 573: Ireland (R Rafferty, 71, 69, 73, 71; P McGinley, 72, 71, 73, 73). Italy (C Rocca, 71, 75, 67, 70; S Grappasonni, 74, 72, 69, 75). 574: England (D Gilford, 69, 73, 72, 72; M James, 76, 74, 68, 70). Canada (D Barr, 74, 70, 70, 71; R Zokol, 76, 71, 70, 72). 575: Sweden (J Haeggman, 72, 77, 72, 72; A Forsbrand, 71, 69, 74, 68): France (J Van de Velde, 66, 70, 71, 72; M Farry, 74, 78, 72, 72). 579: Paraguay (P Martinez, 74, 73, 69, 71; F Franco, 73, 73, 69, 77). 582: Wales (I Woosnam, 74, 79, 74, 69; M Mouland, 68, 70, 75, 73). 583: Brazil (A Barcellos, 76, 70, 70, 71, J Cortez, 75, 70, 75, 76). 588: Japan (H Shigenobu, 70, 77, 76, 73; K Tomori, 74, 73, 72, 73). 592: Argentina (E Romero, 71, 70, 72, 75; L Carbonetti, 73, 80, 77, 74). 597: Hong Kong (Yau Su Ming, 73, 74, 76, 77; R Kan, 74, 72, 75, 76), Mexico (E Serna, 78, 75, 72, 74; R Cazubon, 68, 79, 75, 76). 602: Holland (C van Waesberghe, 78, 75, 75, 74; C Van der Velde, 74, 72, 73, 81). 603: Greece (V Karatzias, 74, 75, 79, 75; G Nikolaides, 77, 75, 73, 75). 609: Taiwan (Liang-Hsi Chen, 80, 78, 79, 71; Yu-Shu Hsieh, 76, 72, 76, 77). 617: Bermuda (K Swan, 76, 76, 72, 79; D Pearman, 78, 79, 76, 81). 629: Puerto Rico (R Castrillo, 78, 77, 76, 77; J Rodriguez, 85, 77, 77, 82). 646: Fiji (D Prakash, 80, 79, 74, 81; V Kalou, 89, 79, 82, 82). 652: Jamaica (S Rose, 88, 75, 72, 75, C Bernard, 86, 79, 89, 88). 662: Israel (J Avnaim, 94, 85, 88, 87; R Assyag, 80, 82, 82, 84) Leading individuals: 272: Langer 275: Couples. 278: Price, Els.

MEXICO CITY: Mexican Open Championship: Final scores (US unless stated): 268: F Funk, 70, 63, 65, 70. 269: D Hammond, 66, 66, 67, 70 271: J Blake, 66, 70, 66, 69. 272: D Tewell, 71, 65, 69, 67 273: B Lohr, 67, 67, 67, 72 274: J Cook, 71, 66, 69, 69. 275: C Stadler, 74, 65, 67, 69 276: T Armour, 73, 69, 64, 70 A Bean, 75, 71, 62, 68. 277: E Fiori, 68, 70, 69, 70: T Lehman, 70, 72, 66, 69 278: L Clements, 71, 70, 71, 66: T Sieckmann, 70, 70, 71, 67. 279: W Wood, 72, 69, 70, 68.

CRICKET

BIRMINGHAM: Coca Cola/Schweppes British open indoor championship: First round: Beckenham 111 bt Derby 43, Bradford 131 bt Solihull 95, Walsall 129 bt Nottingham 108. Second round: Dartford 145 bt Stockport 65, Wellingborough 109 bt Beckenham 67· Eastleigh 111 bt Ipswich 109: Coventry 178 bt Bradford 52; Rochdale 159 bt Birmingham 75: Lancing 106 bt Wolverhampton 65: Walsall 112 bt Sheffield 101: Stumps Aston Villa 167 bt Edmonton 92. Quarter-finals: Lancing 104 bt Coventry 100; Stumps Aston Villa 126 bt Rochdale 36: Wellingborough 115 bt Walsall 51: Dartford 97 bt Eastleigh -11. Semi-finals: Stumps 110 bt Wellingborough 90, Dartford 81 bt Lancing 23. Final: Stumps 91 bt Dartford 46.

PATNA (Five nations tournament): Sri Lanka beat Zimbabwe by 55 runs

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama c Dekker b Brain	18
S T Jayasuriya c Waller b Brain	23
H P Tillakaratne lbw b Shah	24
P A de Silva c and b Shah	68
*A Ranatunga c Rennie b Dekker	59
D K Liyanage b Rennie	8
R J Ratnayake not out	32
†R S Kaluwitharana not out	4
Extras (b 8, lb 5, nb 1, w 15)	29
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	263

R S Kalpage, G P Wickremasinghe and M Muralitharan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-49, 3-114, 4-210, 5-221, 6-225

BOWLING: Brain 10-1-45-2; Streak 8-0-67-0; Rennie 9-0-37-1; Campbell 10-0-35-0; Shah 10-0-50-2; Dekker 3-0-16-1.

ZIMBABWE

A Flower run out	11
D Brain lbw b Ratnayake	2
A D R Campbell c Ratnayake b Jayasuriya	37
D L Houghton b Liyanage	12
A C Waller c Tillekeratne b Ratnayaka	55
M H Dekker lbw b Ranatunga	1
G Whittall b Jayasuriya	36
A H Shah b Jayasuriya	14
S G Peall c Tillekeratne b Kalpage	12
D H Streak st Kaluwitharana b Jayasuriya	5
J Rennie not out	3
Extras (b 5, lb 4, w 9, nb 2)	20
Total (49 overs)	208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-22, 3-53, 4-130, 5-132, 6-133, 7-188, 8-189, 9-206.

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 6-1-13-0 (w 2): Ratnayake 7-0-12-1 (w 3); Liyanage 10-1-36-1; Muralitharan 10-0-43-0 (w 4); Kalpage 6-0-46-1 (nb 2), Jayasuriya 4-0-19-4: Ranatunga 5-0-24-2; Tillekaratne 1-0-6-0.

Man of the match: A Ranatunga.

Table

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
South Africa	2	1	0	1	3
India	1	1	0	0	2
West Indies	2	1	1	0	2
Sri Lanka	3	1	2	0	2
Zimbabwe	2	0	1	1	1

GYMNASTICS

LIVERPOOL: British women's junior championships: 1, G Cull (Coalville), 36.075pts; 2, S Lawrence (Heddu, S Wales), 35.875; 3, R Aucott (Birmingham), 34.875.

RUGBY UNION

BERMUDA: World Rugby Classic: Final: Barbarians 10, New Zealand 5. Third place: England 30, United States 10.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Abingdon 16 St Edward's, Oxford 10, Bancroft's 24 Cooper's 3, Bethany 15 Chatham House 0, Bishop's Stortford Coll 5 Stamford 23; Bloxham 19 Shiplake 0, Brighton 7 Worth 21· Bromsgrove 8 Solihull 11, Campion 50 Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 3, Cheltenham 8 Marlborough 9; Chislehurst and Sidcup GS 17 Gravesend GS 0; Christ's, Brecon 22 Clifton 5; Churcher's 21 Ryde 0; City of London Freeman's 0 Hampton 15; Cranbrook 10 Sutton Valence 0: Cranleigh 13 KCS Wimbledon 0: Dean Close 15 Monkton Combe 3, Duke of York's 48 Sir Roger Manwood's 3, Dulwich 17 Whitgift 13, Eastbourne 11 St John's, Leatherhead 0, Haberdashers' Aske's 12 Bishop's Stortford HS 3; Haileybury 20 Oundle 3; Kent 20 King's, Rochester 3; King Edward VI, Southampton 5 Chichester 0; King Edward's, Aston 25 Queen Mary's 10; King Edward's, Camp Hill 5 King's, Worcester 9; King Edward's, Birmingham 9 Loughborough GS 8; King's, Bruton 41 Bishop Wordsworth's 10; Latymer Upper 12 Colfe's 10; Marlborough 9 Cheltenham 8; Merchiston Castle 8 Windsor 19, Nottingham HS 10 Uppingham 7; Oakham 8 Bedford Modern 5: Plymouth 0 Blundell's 17; Reigate 34 Pangbourne 7; RGS Guildford 11 John Fisher 10; Rugby 16 Bedford 5, St Edward's, Liverpool 31 Calday 3; St Olave's 27 London Oratory 0; St Paul's 27 Epsom 6; Seaford 12 Hurstpierpoint 0; Sedbergh 21 Arnold 0; Sevenoaks 23 Merchant Taylors', Northwood 20; Sherborne 7 Bryanston 12; Taunton 9 Kingswood 8; Tiffin 65 St Benedict's 3; Trinity 11 Wimbledon 14; Truro 65 West Buckland 6; Wallington 7 Emanuel 17; Wellington, Berks 18 Radley 0; Wellington, Somerset 5 Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol 27; Wells Cathedral 5 Clayesmore 3.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
First division							
Southgate	6	5	1	0	17	2	16
Hounslow	6	5	1	0	16	3	16
Havant	6	4	1	1	14	8	13
Teddington	6	4	1	1	13	8	13
O Loughtonians	6	3	3	0	20	9	12
East Grinstead	6	3	2	1	10	7	11
Cannock	6	2	4	0	11	6	10
Bournville	6	3	0	3	11	8	9
Stourport	6	2	1	3	6	6	7
Firebrands	5	2	1	2	4	8	7
Reading	6	2	1	3	8	13	7
Welton	6	2	1	3	6	13	7
Trojans	6	1	1	4	9	15	4
Slough	6	1	1	4	3	12	4
Indian Gym	6	0	3	3	8	9	3
Bromley	6	1	0	5	5	13	3
St Albans	6	1	0	5	5	19	3
Canterbury	5	0	2	3	7	12	2
Second division							
Surbiton	6	5	1	6	8	5	16
Guildford	6	4	1	1	17	7	13
Barford Tigers	6	4	1	1	20	11	13
Beeston	6	3	2	1	10	6	11
Isca	6	3	2	1	10	8	11
Harleston Mag	6	3	1	2	11	11	10
Oxford University	6	3	0	3	15	12	9
Richmond	6	2	2	2	8	9	8
Edgbaston	6	2	2	2	9	14	8
Cambridge City	6	2	1	3	10	12	7
Cheltenham	6	2	1	3	4	8	7
Doncaster	6	1	3	2	10	12	6
Warrington	6	2	0	4	7	12	6
Neston	3	1	2	3	7	10	5
Sheffield	6	1	1	4	8	13	4
Gloucester City	6	1	0	5	9	11	3
Harborne	6	0	2	4	6	21	2

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Quebec 5, Florida 2: New York Rangers 3, San Jose 3 (OT); Chicago 4, Dallas 1; Vancouver 3, Anaheim 2

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
Atlantic division						
NY Rangers	12	5	2	26	69	50
New Jersey	12	4	0	24	61	42
Philadelphia	12	7	0	24	79	72
Washington	9	8	0	18	51	56
Florida	7	8	3	17	52	55
Tampa Bay	4	12	2	10	39	55
NY Islanders	4	12	1	9	52	66
Northeast division						
Pittsburgh	9	7	3	21	62	69
Boston	8	4	5	21	56	43
Montreal	8	6	2	18	48	39
Quebec	7	11	1	15	69	68
Ottawa	5	8	2	12	62	70
Buffalo	5	10	1	11	60	66
Hartford	4	11	2	10	47	69

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
Central division						
Toronto	12	3	3	27	70	45
St Louis	11	3	2	24	57	49
Chicago	9	7	2	20	62	53
Dallas	8	8	4	20	68	64
Winnipeg	7	9	2	16	64	64
Detroit	7	8	1	15	68	63
Pacific division						
Calgary	13	4	2	28	71	59
Vancouver	11	6	0	22	60	51
Los Angeles	9	7	2	20	73	70
San Jose	5	11	4	14	45	62
Anaheim	4	12	2	10	46	67
Edmonton	3	14	2	8	51	75

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: France 1, United States 7 (in Grenoble).

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship: First round (England unless stated): A Robidoux (Can) bt D Fowler, 9-4; J White bt D McDonnell, 9-6; A Knowles bt S Newbury (Wales), 9-4; J Parrott bt G Baldrey, 9-4, N Gilbert bt M Johnston-Allen, 9-8; A Jones bt W Jones (Wales), 9-5. S James bt R Lawler, 9-8; M Price bt J Prince (N Ire), 9-6; D Roe leads S Campbell, 6-2; N Bond leads K Broughton, 5-3; J Wattana (Thai) leads J Chambers, 8-0; P Ebdon leads D Walker, 5-3, C Wilson (Wales) leads D Mountjoy (Wales), 5-3

SQUASH

DOHA: Qatar International: Second round: R Norman (NZ) bt S Meades (Eng), 17-15, 15-12, 15-6; B Martin (Aus) bt S Parke (Eng), 15-13, 8-15, 15-8, 15-6, P Nicol (Scot) bt S Elopuro (Fin), 15-13, 15-8, 15-10 Quarter-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Eyles (Aus), 15-6, 9-15, 15-10, 15-4; P Marshall (Eng) bt Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak), 15-6, 15-5, 15-13; R Martin bt Nicol, 15-13, 15-11, 15-11; B Martin bt Norman, 15-13, 15-14, 15-14

TENNIS

BUENOS AIRES: Men's tournament: Final: C Costa (Sp) bt A Berasategui (Sp), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4

PHILADELPHIA: Women's tournament: Final: C Martinez (Sp) bt S Graf (Ger), 6-3, 6-3

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men: Second round: Sunderland wo Bridge of Allan w/o: Renfrew 3, Barnard Castle 0; Darlington 0, Middlesbrough 3: Hallamshire 3, Upper Armley 0, Lakenham 1, Cansbrocke 2; Nottingham 3, Lincoln 0: Edgbaston Priory 3, Bramhall 0, Puma Welwyn 3, Harpenden 0; Chigwell 1, Brentwood 2; Bushey 3, Welwyn Spin 0: Batchwood 3, Hazelwood 0; BBC 2, Roehampton 1, Finchley 3, Queen's 0, Middlesex University 0, Carlton 3: Walton 0, Royal Berkshire 3, Telford Park 1, Swindon 1; Woking 0, Heston 3: Sutton Junior 1, Windmill Hill 2; Hove 1, Crawley 2, Bromley 2, Maidstone 1; Alverstoke 0, Farnham 3: Basingstoke 0, Southampton 3, West Hants 3, Kingsley 0.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 kick-off unless stated

European under-21 championship
Group One
Malta v Scotland (1.30)
(at Valletta)
Group Four
Wales v Romania
(at Ebbw Vale)

Anglo-Italian Cup
International Stage Group A
Brescia v Notts County
Charlton v Ascoli (7.45)
Middlesbrough v Ancona (7.45)
Pisa v Bolton
Group B
Fiorentina v West Bromwich
Padova v Stoke (7.15)
(at Bassano Del Grappa)
Portsmouth v Cosenza (7.45)
Southend v Pescara (7.45)

Autoglass Trophy
First round
Crewe v Blackpool

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Gloucester v Crawley Town; Gresley Rovers v Atherstone, Trowbridge v Sittingbourne Midland division: Armitage v Leicester United, Bedworth v Rushden and Diamonds; Grantham v VS Rugby; Hinckley Town v King's Lynn, RC Warwick v Newport AFC, Weston-super-Mare v Yate. Southern division: Bury Town v Braintree; Dunstable v Buckingham Town, Fisher 93 v Poole, Gravesend and Northfleet v Canterbury, Newport IOW v Witney. Dr Martens Cup: Second round: Ashford v Margate, Dorchester v Havant: Hastings v Tonbridge AFC.

DIADORA LEAGUE Second division: Barton v Hemel Hempstead, Egham v Metropolitan Police; Leatherhead v Edgware. Third division: Kingsbury v Leighton. League Cup: Second round: Aylesbury v Grays, Billericay v Maidenhead United, Boreham Wood v Chertsey, Dorking v Enfield, Kingstonian v Hitchin, Leyton v St Albans; Oxford City v Basingstoke: Thame v Harrow Borough, Tooting and Mitcham v Carshalton, Walton and Hersham v Worthing; Wembley v Marlow, Whyteleafe v Bishop's Stortford: Wokingham v Chesham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay v Winsford, Frickley v Bridlington Town. First division: Harrogate Town v Eastwood. President's Cup: Barrow v Accrington Stanley. League Cup: First round: Farsley v Congleton

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: League Cup: Belper v Ashfield; Louth v Immingham. President's Cup; Arnold v Sheffield, Hatfield Main v Winterton, Maltby MW V Hucknall.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Glossop North End. League Cup: Second round: Darwen v Flixton; Eastwood Hanley v Nantwich; Holker OB v Blackpool Rovers

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss v Wroxham; Gorleston v Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth v Fakenham: Halstead v Harwich and Parkeston; Histon v Soham; March v Walton; Newmarket v Sudbury Wanderers; Norwich United v Wisbech

BIRMINGHAM SENIOR CUP: Banbury v West Bromwich Albion, Burton v Coventry City; Evesham v Tamworth, Halesowen v West Midlands Police; Nuneaton v Sutton Coldfield.

LIVERPOOL SENIOR CUP: Knowsley v St Helens

MANCHESTER PREMIER CUP: Mossley v Chadderton.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Everton v Leicester (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Sunderland (7.0). Second division: Manchester City v Bradford (6.45), Oldham v Preston (7.0); Rotherham v Hull (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First Division: Queens Park Rangers v Swindon (7.0, at Harrow Borough); Watford v Wimbledon

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Scottish Development XV v New Zealand XV
(2.0, at Myreside)
Club match
Aberavon v Treorchy (7.0)
Cancelled: Llanharan v Pontypridd.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (Preston).
TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Swansea)

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The bold-jumping Remittance Man is recovering well from a leg injury and is scheduled to return to the racecourse early next year

Travado puts reputation to test

By Julian Muscat

THE Grand National starting procedure again comes under scrutiny on Saturday when racing returns to Aintree for the first time since April. While the Jockey Club's new chief starter, Simon Morant, will doubtless be grateful for the dress rehearsal, National Hunt followers will be no less tuned into events at Ascot. Here, in the H & T Walker Gold Cup Chase, Travado attempts to build on his impressive seasonal debut success.

Travado's participation, under top-weight of 12 stone, is one of the few certain elements in a race which will go some way towards a more meaningful evaluation of the Nicky Henderson-trained chaser.

The seven-year-old took the notable scalp of the reigning champion two-mile chaser, Deep Sensation, on his comeback run at Exeter two weeks ago.

Henderson is quick to concede that the winning margin of 20 lengths probably flatters his charge. "It is all very well to say he beat Deep Sensation pointless, but we don't know exactly what we beat that day. Josh [Gifford] almost certainly did not have his horse at his best, but mine was very impressive," Henderson said yesterday.

Nevertheless, the statistics on Travado's brief fencing career make impressive reading. He is undefeated in five completed outings, although the one occasion he hit the floor came at Cheltenham last year in the race won by Egypt Mill Prince.

Jenny Pitman's horse, a fine second to Bradbury Star in the Mackeson on Saturday, represents a formidable opponent for Travado were he to line up at Ascot. "We have to give Egypt Mill Prince a stone and a half," Henderson said.

"He would certainly be the main danger on his Cheltenham run, although I thought he did have a hard race on Saturday. He is bound to go a fast gallop again and that will tell us whether Travado gets 2½ miles." The horse has yet to race over further than the 2¼ miles over which he humbled Deep Sensation at Exeter.

In the longer term, Travado's Cheltenham festival objective is the Champion Chase, which promises a fascinating clash with the Henderson stable star of old, Remittance Man. Winner of the race in 1992, Remittance Man has been off the course with the leg injury he sustained when victorious at Huntingdon 12 months ago.

"It would be some race if the two of them are fit and well on that day," Henderson enthused. "I went and saw Remittance Man last week and I was very pleased with him. As usual, he is doing all his roadwork at the Collins' [his owners] farm and his legs feel great. He'll be back here in January but I expect he'll need his first two runs."

A Gold Cup challenge with Remittance Man looks unlikely, according to Henderson. "If Travado stays the trip well on Saturday it will increase our options for him. But as far as Cheltenham goes there looks no way out but for them to take each other on," he said.

Travado's presence at Ascot is sure to produce a small field. "That would be disappointing from the sponsors' point of view," Henderson said, "but I think the field will be plenty strong enough for my liking."

☐ John Gosden runs Meadow Pipit in the Prix Fille de l'Air at Saint-Cloud today.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Midnight Caller
(1.45 Newton Abbot)
Next best: Mere Class
(2.40 Warwick)

Murphy shrugs off effects of injury

DECLAN Murphy was back in the winner's enclosure at **Leicester** yesterday after being cleared by the course doctor to ride Cultured in the Thorpe Satchville Hurdle. Murphy, who was badly dazed after his Mackeson Gold Cup triumph on Saturday, was keen to team up with the John White-trained four-year-old.

Royal Derbi, the favourite, tried to dictate the pace, but Adrian Maguire had to go for the whip four hurdles out as Cultured travelled smoothly in his shadow.

Simpson took over at the penultimate flight, but Murphy was only biding his time, pouncing at the last and forging clear to win by four lengths. "I spent most of yesterday in bed resting and woke up this morning feeling much better," Murphy said.

White, who has given Maguire 22 winners this term, chose Murphy for Cultured as they had formed a winning partnership in the Free Handicap Hurdle at Chepstow. "On soft or heavy ground, he's very decent," said White. "The New Year Hurdle at Windsor is a race I like for him if the ground is suitable."

At **Plumpton**, Jamie Osborne completed a double on *Kalanski* and *Scobie Boy*, both trained by Charles Egerton. Osborne had only just returned from riding Flown in the Colonial Cup in Maryland on Sunday, although it had proved an unsatisfactory visit as his mount went lame approaching the last.

"I have been to six airports in the last 36 hours," Osborne said. "Fortunately, I managed to get some sleep in the ambulance room here before racing."

Backers who took the 6-1 on about Kalanski for the Tanners Novices' Chase had an uncomfortable moment when the grey made a bad blunder at the fifth, but from then on it was plain sailing. Osborne had another ready success on Scobie Boy in the Jevington Novices' Hurdle, making all to win by five lengths from The Whip.

Anthony Tory rode his first winner after a spell in Germany when the Ron Hodges-trained Cotapaxi edged out stable companion Fred Splendid in the George Ripley Memorial Trophy.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
12.20 Progression. 12.50 No Submission. 1.20 Cantoris. 1.50 Qualitair Aviator. 2.20 Astrac. 2.50 Across The Bay. 3.20 Threeepenny-Bridge. 3.50 Quinzii Martin.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW BEST SIS

12.20 MERSEY CANAL MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,318: 6f) (10 runners)
1 0005 ALPINE JOHNNY 11 (V) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 7
2 044 CROFT POOL 10 J Glover 9-0 S D Williams 2
3 452 FORT KNOX 15 (BF) R Armstrong 9-0 R Price 10
4 GLOBAL DANCER W O'Gorman 9-0 Emma O'Gorman (3) 4
5 0 HORACE HALL 21 J Moore 9-0 B Rouse 6
6 050 JUST DUGGIE 15 R Brotherton 9-0 A Clark 9
7 PROGRESSION P Cole 9-0 A Munro 3
8 ROVING MINSTREL 9 McMahon 9-0 S Sanders (7) 1
9 0 UPPER GROSVENOR 47 P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 5
10 00 LITTLE BROWNIE 12 B Ellison 8-9 T Williams 8
7-4 Progression, 4-1 Fort Knox, 9-2 Upper Grosvenor, 7-1 Croft Pool, 10-1 others.

12.50 RIVER IDLE CLAIMING STAKES
(Div I: £3,183: 1m) (16)
1 6050 FIRST GOLD 64 (F,S) J Wharton 4-9-5 W Newnes 8
2 0040 NO SUBMISSION 14 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 7-9-5 S Wood 7
3 1250 BACKSTABBER 10J (CD,G) Miss G Kelleway 3-9-2 A Munro 3
4 2000 SUPER BENZ 15 (C,F,G,S) B Beasley 7-9-1 J Fanning 11
5 6404 STOPROVERITATE 8 (C,D,G,S) S Norton 4-9-0 D Gibbs (7) 5
6 5000 IRISH GROOM 56 (D,G) J Smith 6-8-13 A Garth (5) 1
7 03 RISKY VENTURE 15 W Jarvis 3-8-12 M Tebbutt 6
8 3004 APACHE MYTH 8 R Hannon 3-8-11 T Quinn 16
9 -040 SHAKE TOWN 11 (V,F,G) J Mackie 5-8-11 A Clark 12
10 0004 SHANNON EXPRESS 15 (V,CD,F,G,S) E Alston 6-8-11 T Williams 10
11 0000 BOLD STAR 8 (V) R Hollinshead 3-8-10 S Perks 13
12 0302 DEAD CALM 11 (V,S) C Tinkler 3-8-10 Paul Eddery 14
13 0/04 NAIL DON 8 (D,G) J Moore 8-8-9 B Rouse 2
14 30 GREENACRES STAR 103 B McMahon 3-8-7 S Sanders (7) 4
15 0 WILBURY WONDER 21 R Brotherton 3-8-5 R Price 9
16 0000 MUMMYS ROCKET 15 A Bailey 4-8-2 L Charnock 15
4-1 Backstabber, 5-1 Apache Myth, Dead Calm, 8-1 Stoproveritate, 10-1 others.

1.20 TRENT NAVIGATION HANDICAP
(£5,089: 5f) (17)
1 0500 MASSIBA 10 (F,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-10-0 Paul Eddery 9
2 0202 GONE SAVAGE 24 (D,F,G,S) W Musson 5-9-8 D McCabe (5) 16
3 0310 CRECHE 15 (B,CD,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-7 S Wynne (5) 5
4 0240 NO EXTRAS 31 (D,F,G,S) G L Moore 3-9-5 B Rouse 10
5 4066 CANTORIS 10 (D,F,G) R Williams 7-9-2 T Quinn 2
6 2500 ARAGROVE 13 (D,F,G) L Holt 3-8-13 W Newnes 6
7 0010 LOVE LEGEND 13 (CD,F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 8-8-10 A Munro 12
8 5560 PEERAGE PRINCE 10 (B,CD,F,G) Pat Mitchell 4-8-10 N Kennedy (3) 1
9 6000 SHADOW JURY 10 (D,F,G,S) D Chapman 3-8-8 S Wood 4
10 350/ CROFT IMPERIAL 774 (D,F,S) M Johnston 6-8-6 T Williams 3
11 2000 DRUM SERGEANT 10 (B,D,F,S) J Parkes 6-8-5 S Whitworth 11
12 0235 RELENTLESS PURSUIT 57 (G) P Chapple-Hyam 5-8-4 Kate Dovey (7) 15
13 3315 CALAMANCO 14 (D,S) A Smith 3-8-4 S Webster 17
14 4264 CHOIR PRACTICE 10 (D,F,G,S) W Haggas 6-8-3 C Rutter 8
15 0055 PALLIUM 10 (V,D,F,G) M Naughton 5-8-3 D Harrison 14
16 6460 SIR TASKER 12 (CD,F,G) J Harris 5-8-3 D Biggs 13
17 0004 FIGHTER SQUADRON 15 (B,CD,F,G) J Glover 4-7-12 Darren Moffatt (5) 7
5-1 Choir Practice, 6-1 Creche, 7-1 Fighter Squadron, 8-1 others.

1.50 RIVER DEVON CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,623: 1m 6f) (13)
1 2-34 SAFFAAH 15 (BF,S) W Muir 6-9-4 W Newnes 1
2 /54- FLYAWAY 360J (G) J Harris 8-9-2 Paul Eddery 10
3 0/1- QUALITAIR AVIATOR 662 (CD,F,G) J Bottomley 7-9-2 G Bardwell 3
4 6 FLYING FASCINATION 95 K Bridgwater 5-9-1 S D Williams 5
5 0006 PLAIN SAILING 12 (D) D Morley 3-8-11 A Munro 7
6 0-00 CORDILLERO 12 (F,G) A Moore 7-8-10 B Rouse 13
7 00 GEMIKOSIX 32 B Beasley 3-8-5 T Quinn 8
8 4166 IZITALLWORTHIT 8 (C,F) J Mackie 4-8-8 A Clark 6
9 05/0 SUREST DANCER 31 W Barker 7-8-8 S Webster 2
10 2044 BUZZ-B-BABE 27J B Ellison 3-8-7 T Williams 4
11 0 CHAPEL HAVEN 15 J Parkes 3-8-2 D Harrison 12
12 6002 DON'T BE SAKI 15 (C,G) Ronald Thompson 3-8-2 C Rutter 11
13 6600 NORTHERN JUDY 8 R Hollinshead 3-8-2 A Garth (5) 9
6-4 Qualitair Aviator, 5-2 Saffaah, 8-1 Don't Be Saki, Izitallworthit, 10-1 others.

2.20 MERSEY CANAL MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: 6f: £3,289) (10)
1 4032 ASTRAC 15 S Norton 9-0 Paul Eddery 2
2 00 OLIVER-J 50 R Lee 9-0 Dale Gibson 1
3 44 ROYAL CREST 12 (BF) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 6
4 0000 THE ARDINGLY FAIR 19 B Morgan 9-0 G Bardwell 4
5 5 ULTIMATUM 11 M Prescott 9-0 A Munro 9
6 042 UP IN FLAMES 12 M Camacho 9-0 R Perham 3
7 0 ANNABELLE ROSE 15 J Eyre 8-9 L Charnock 5
8 5 KARON BEACH 21 J Hills 8-9 D Harrison 10
9 000 MAZ 31 A Bailey 8-9 S Whitworth 7
10 60 TULU 26 Mrs J Ramsden 8-9 M Wigham 8
9-4 Astrac, 3-1 Royal Crest, 7-2 Ultimatum, 11-2 Up In Flames, 8-1 others.

2.50 RIVER IDLE CLAIMING STAKES
(Div II: £3,157: 1m) (16)
1 5623 AWESOME POWER 12 (BF,G) J Hills 7-9-5 Paul Eddery 3
2 WAT TYLER C Lines 4-9-1 Dale Gibson 16
3 4/ NIGHT FANTASY 868 N Walker 5-9-0 S Dawson 14
4 3642 ACROSS THE BAY 15 (F,G,S) T Barron 6-8-13 V Halliday (7) 12
5 0005 GENTLE HERO 17 (V,F,G,S) M Naughton 7-8-11 D Harrison 8
6 0000 NYMPH ERRANT 18 P Makin 3-8-11 T Sprake 1
7 4000 VERRO 20 (B,C,G,S) J Bennett 6-8-11 N Carlisle 4
8 6610 BICHETTE 22 (G,S) G L Moore 3-8-9 B Rouse 2
9 5400 VENTURE FOURTH 21 E Alston 4-8-9 S Wood 13
10 6600 ROYAL ACCLAIM 181 (V,CD,F,G,S) J Bradley 8-8-7 Stephen Davies (3) 6
11 4300 SCOTTISH PARK 19 (F) J Harris 4-8-6 T Williams 15
12 -000 COMTEC'S LEGEND 18 (F) J Bottomley 3-8-3 G Bardwell 11
13 3500 MARATHIA 42 S Woods 3-8-3 D Biggs 5
14 0000 SAMANTHAS JOY 15 A Potts 3-8-3 J Fanning 7
15 0200 VIKING WATERS 57 B Beasley 3-8-3 N Kennedy (3) 10
16 0000 GATE OF HEAVEN 61 R Spicer 3-7-13 A Munro 9
7-4 Awesome Power, 3-1 Across The Bay, 5-1 Bichette, Scottish Park, 8-1 others.

3.20 HUMBER NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,494: 7f) (14)
1 5163 VALIANT MAN 162 (S) J Wharton 9-7 W Newnes 7
2 5031 IN A MOMENT 15 (V,C,G) S Norton 9-7 D Gibbs (7) 9
3 3021 WESTERN FLEET 12 (D,G) R Hannon 9-5 T Quinn 1
4 6202 BILLIE GREY 12 J Scargill 8-11 A Munro 14
5 5000 PRISCILLA ROSE 6 (V) C Allen 8-7 G Bardwell 8
6 0045 LINCOLN TREASURE 12 M Chapman 8-5 M Wigham 6
7 2401 COMEONUP 29 (S) J Bradley 8-5 Stephen Davies (3) 12
8 4513 THREEPENNY-BRIDGE 6 (B,F) W G M Turner 8-3 T Sprake 10
9 4000 HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 15 (C,G) R Hollinshead 8-2 A Garth (5) 11
10 3301 LITTLE IBNR 3 (B,D,G) N Callaghan 8-2 (6ex) D Harrison 2
11 003 DAME PROSPECT 15 J Glover 8-1 T Williams 5
12 6040 AT THE SAVOY 19 C Booth 8-0 L Charnock 4
13 0004 GRANDEE 8 B McMahon 7-7 N Varley (7) 3
14 0003 TOOGOODFORYOU 8 (B) N Bycroft 7-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 13
4-1 Western Fleet, 5-1 Little Ibnr, 11-2 Comeonup, 7-1 In A Moment, 8-1 others.

3.50 GRAND UNION HANDICAP (£3,701: 7f) (16)
1 3560 ISLAND KNIGHT 53 (CD,G) M Ryan 4-9-10 D Biggs 7
2 0004 KARINSKA 12 (D,F,G) M Chapman 3-9-6 D McCabe (5) 1
3 5020 ASHGORE 11 (F,G) M Johnston 3-9-6 T Williams 10
4 40-0 DOURAJ 8 C Britain 4-9-6 W Newnes 15
5 2242 MINDOMICA 22 (CD,F,G) W O'Gorman 4-9-4 Emma O'Gorman (3) 14
6 0001 ROCALITY 8 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 4-9-4 R Painter (7) 4
7 0605 OBSIDIAN GREY 12 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 6-9-2 P McCabe (5) 9
8 0100 SYLVAN STARLIGHT 22 (V,C,G) J Bradley 3-9-2 Mark Denaro (7) 6
9 0500 FARMER JOCK 8 (F,S) Mrs N Macauley 11-9-1 A Clark 16
10 0658 QUINZII MARTIN 12 (V,CD,G) D Haydn Jones 5-9-0 Paul Eddery 5
11 6320 ON Y VA 20 (CD,G,S) R Williams 6-8-13 T Quinn 11
12 1200 CELESTINE 31 (V,D,F,G,S) C Fairhurst 4-8-11 J Fanning 12
13 3440 LADY SABO 8 (C,F) R Spicer 4-8-11 A Munro 3
14 5050 CONISTON LAKE 68 (B,D,F) G L Moore 4-8-8 B Rouse 2
15 0563 TURTLE BEACH 42 (CD,G) C C Elsey 4-8-6 Kim McDonnell 13
16 5335 APOLLO RED 255 P Harris 4-8-8 S Whitworth 8
7-2 Rocality, 9-2 Mindomica, 6-1 Douraj, Turtle Beach, 8-1 Karinska, 10-1 Obsidian Grey, On Y Va, 12-1 Quinzii Martin, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Spicer, 12 winners from 50 runners, 24.0%; T Barron, 64 from 284, 22.5%; P Cole, 12 from 56, 21.4%; W O'Gorman, 39 from 201, 19.4%; S Norton, 25 from 130, 19.2%; M Prescott, 24 from 125, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: B Rouse, 7 winners from 15 rides, 46.7%; V Halliday, 6 from 28, 21.4%; M Tebbutt, 9 from 43, 20.9%; C Nutter, 5 from 30, 16.7%; Emma O'Gorman, 32 from 205, 15.6%; D Biggs, 25 from 165, 15.2%; D McCabe, 8 from 53, 15.1%.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER
12.45 Glowing Path. 1.15 Ruling Dynasty. 1.45 *Trusty Friend.* 2.15 **VADO VIA** (*nap*). 2.45 Mulbank. 3.15 Father Ralph. 3.45 See Enough.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

12.45 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,242: 2m 1f) (12 runners)
1 1F GLOWING PATH 17 (B,CD,F) R Hodges 11-4 H Davies
2 21 BUGLET 17 (F) M Pipe 10-13 R Dunwoody
3 F351 GROGFRYN 11 (D,G) C Popham 10-13 D Morris
4 5 ACROSS THE BOW 25 A Dunn 10-12 Peter Hobbs
5 6 FRANK KNOWS 17 T George 10-12 C Maude
6 KOA 70F N Twiston-Davies 10-12 C Llewellyn
7 SET-EM-ALIGHT R Frost 10-12 J Frost
8 TAKE THE MICK 28F S Mellor 10-12 M Perrett
9 0 LOVE IN THE MIST 54 M Pipe 10-7 M Foster
10 SHE KNEW THE RULES 103F D Carey 10-7 Lorna Vincent
11 0 STANFORD AVENUE 54 B Forsey 10-7 M Richards
12 42 VELVET HEART 14 Mrs A Knight 10-7 S Burrough
5-4 Buglet, 3-1 Glowing Path, 5-1 Velvet Heart, 6-1 Grogfryn, 12-1 others.

1.15 DARTMOUTH SELLING HURDLE
(£1,939: 2m 1f) (13)
1 1451 RULING DYNASTY 18 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Usher 9-11-12 H Davies
2 FP-F SOUTH SANDS 5 (B,C,D,F,G) T Hallett 7-11-12 Mrs C Wonnacott
3 00-3 SEE NOW 108 (CD,F,S) Mrs A Knight 8-11-9 S Burrough
4 0P0- COLONEL GAY 207 (S) B Scriven 8-11-6 S Mackey
5 50F1 FANATICAL 21 (B,CD,G) R Baker 7-11-6 L Harvey
6 13-P PEACOCK FEATHER 7 (CD,S) K Burke 5-11-1 R Dunwoody
7 50/ BAYLORD PRINCE 778 R Hoad 5-11-0 M Hoad
8 -03F BILL QUILL 22 (G,S) R Frost 9-11-0 R Darke (7)
9 P- CHARMED LIFE 29F P Leach 4-11-0 N Dawe
10 060- JANET SCIBS 227 N Ayliffe 7-10-9 Guy Lewis (7)
11 5/4 MOLLETROIS 34 T George 5-10-9 Peter Hobbs
12 0/4 REALLY NEAT 21 L Waring 7-10-9 D Matthews (7)
13 050- SPIRIT LEVEL 264 J Payne 5-10-9 Mr R Payne (7)
10-11 Ruling Dynasty, 6-1 Fanatical, 6-1 Really Neat, 12-1 others.

1.45 CLAUDE WHITLEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,485: 3m 2f 110yd) (10)
1 1F1- MIDNIGHT CALLER 220 (CD,S) S Sherwood 7-11-10 M Richards
2 23UF RU VALENTINO 12 (B,F,G) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-6 C Llewellyn
3 155- SADDLER'S CHOICE 203 (G,S) J Edwards 8-10-11 T Jenks (5)
4 -F44 TRUSTY FRIEND 21 (B,CD) C Popham 11-10-10 D Morris
5 32P- HILL TRIX 203 K Bishop 7-10-10 A Tory
6 4-1F DON'T LIGHT UP 4 (V,CD,S) P Nicholls 7-10-10 R Dunwoody
7 P4P- HOPE DIAMOND 157 (B,S) C Trietline 10-10-0 W McFarland
8 FU-2 SENEGALAIS 12 (S) R Frost 9-10-0 J Frost
9 462- POP SONG 335 (CD,F,S) G Roe 9-10-0 P Holley
10 4F-P NATIVE SCOT 22 (S) K Burke 7-10-0 W Marston (3)
11-4 Don't Light Up, 100-30 Midnight Caller, 4-1 Ru Valentino, 7-1 Hope Diamond, 8-1 Pop Song, 10-1 Saddlers Choice, 12-1 Senegalais, 14-1 others.

2.15 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£5,732: 2m 6f) (16)
1 042- HOLY JOE 227 (C,F,S) A J Wilson 11-12-0 K Brown (7)
2 0/P SAYFAR'S LAD 10 (C,G,S) C Nash 9-11-5 R Dunwoody
3 452- VADO VIA 29F (CD,G,S) D Wintle 5-11-1 W Marston (3)
4 111- MARDOOD 31F (CD,G,S) P Leach 8-10-13 H Davies
5 515- JAILBREAKER 200 (C,G,S) B Millman 6-10-7 D Salter (5)
6 311- FIGHT TO WIN 192F (F,G) R Manning 5-10-7 J Frost
7 0-61 FAIRFIELDS CONE 4 (CD,G,S) R Dickin 10-10-6 D Meredith (3)
8 14- CAPTAIN DOLFORD 230 (S) D Gandolfo 6-10-6 P Holley
9 4-21 SPECIAL ACCOUNT 27 (G,S) C Barwell 7-10-2 N Mann
10 1/0- GOLDEN MOSS 414 (D,G) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-10-0 M Richards
11 21-4 FAR TOO LOUD 14 (F,G) Mrs J Retter 6-10-0 B Clifford
12 P4-3 CARFAX 107 (G,S) (D) R Hoad 8-10-0 M Hoad
13 1552 TRUST DEED 14 (B,F,G) Mrs A Knight 5-10-0 L Harvey
14 60-P FREEMANTLE 21 (G,S) R Buckler 8-10-0 Peter Hobbs
15 PP-6 KILTONGA 12 (G) P Leach 6-10-0 C Maude
16 FPP- APARECIDA 306 T Hallett 7-10-0 N Isaac (7)
100-30 Fairfields Cone, 5-1 Vado Via, 6-1 Special Account, 13-2 Fight To Win, 7-1 Mardood, 8-1 Far Too Loud, 10-1 Captain Dolford, 12-1 Jailbreaker, 14-1 others.

2.45 PAIGNTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,003: 2m 110yd) (5)
1 1133 AL HASHIMI 4 (D,F,G) R Hodges 9-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 132- MULBANK 248 (D,F,S) P Hobbs 7-10-12 C Maude
3 11P- HOLY FOLEY 243 (C,F,S) Miss S Pitman 11-10-9 Peter Hobbs
4 43-5 RATHER SHARP 22 (D,S) C Popham 7-10-0 D Morris
5 F4/ HIGH IMP 690 (CD,F,G,S) P Leach 13-10-0 H Davies
6-4 Al Hashimi, 2-1 Mulbank, 5-2 Holy Foley, 10-1 Rather Sharp, 14-1 High Imp

3.15 STOKE GABRIEL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,801: 2m 110yd) (10)
1 1-04 CORRIN HILL 13 (S) R Hodges 6-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 100- PUNCHBAG 200 (G,S) G Ham 7-11-1 C Maude
3 3245 NEEDS MUST 62 R Frost 6-11-0 J Frost
4 62P- FATHER RALPH 210 (S) D Gandolfo 7-10-13 P Holley
5 5P-4 DURRINGTON 25 (S) M Bolton 7-10-11 Richard Guest
6 FF-1 BARONESS ORKZY 42 (CD,S) P Nicholls 7-10-7 R Greene
7 541- BEANLEY BROOK 202 (G) K Bailey 5-10-4 A Thornton (3)
8 2300 FINAL SOUND 25 (B,F) R Baker 8-10-0 L Harvey
9 /0 VERSATILE 33 (S) Mrs S Williams 9-10-0 Peter Hobbs
10 00-0 NEW PROBLEM 26 R Manning 6-10-0 A Flannigan (7)
7-4 Baroness Orky, 9-2 Corrin Hill, 5-1 Father Ralph, 6-1 others.

3.45 TRURO NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,736: 2m 1f) (16)
1 BARON RUSH W G Turner 5-11-3 D Hobbs (7)
2 0 CHILDSWAY 10 (BF) S Christian 5-11-3 Mr J Darkan
3 CORPORAL CHARLIE R Baker 4-11-3 A Thornton (3)
4 4 FERNY BALL 34 A Dunn 5-11-3 R Davis (3)
5 HARBOUR OF LOVE P Nicholls 4-11-3 R Greene
6 LITTLE WISHFUL R Dickin 5-11-3 D Meredith (3)
7 LUCKY DAWN C Broad 4-11-3 V Slattery
8 MR WENDYL C Trietline 5-11-3 R Farrant (5)
9 0 PENNYMOOR PRINCE 34 R Frost 4-11-3 R Darke (7)
10 PRINCE TEETON R Buckler 4-11-3 W Marston (3)
11 2 SEE ENOUGH 34 R Buckler 5-11-3 N Parker (7)
12 UPHAM SURPRISE J Old 5-11-3 Pat Thompson (7)
13 BETTY'S MATCH Miss S Waterman 4-10-12 Mr G Shenkin (7)
14 5 KRAKATOA 34 A Forte 4-10-12 Tanya Braybrook (7)
15 OLYMPIC WAY W G M Turner 4-10-12 T Murphy (7)
16 TUDOR BLUES B Forsey 6-10-12 D Ford (7)
2-1 Lucky Dawn, 11-4 See Enough, 9-2 Craig Dhubh, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Sherwood, 6 winners from 12 runners, 50.0%; K Burke, 5 from 15, 33.3%; M Usher, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M Pipe, 100 from 329, 30.4%; J Edwards, 10 from 35, 28.6%; K Bailey, 9 from 32, 28.1%.

JOCKEYS: D Meredith, 4 from 16, 25.0%; R Dunwoody, 20 from 90, 22.2%; Lorna Vincent, 7 from 32, 21.9%; C Llewellyn, 10 from 48, 20.8%; B Clifford, 10 from 51, 19.6%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester
Going: hurdles soft, chase good to soft
12.45 (2m hdle) 1, Mr Woodlark (J Frost, 7-1); 2, Miss Monza (20-1); 3, Griffins Bar (50-1). Two John's 6-4 fav. 10 ran. 3½l, ½l. R Frost. Tote £12.20; £2.40, £10.40, £9.00. DF £61.80. CSF £115.41.
1.15 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Kytton Castle (D Meredith, 11-4 fav); 2, Russinsky (9-1); 3, Gameful Gold (9-2). 11 ran. 2½l, 4l. R Dickin. Tote £3.70; £1.60, £3.60, £1.70. DF £19.80. Trio £25.00. CSF £25.94. Tricast £99.80.
1.45 (2m hdle) 1, My Bellyboy (N Mann, 5-1); 2, Doualago (6-4 fav); 3, Al Forum (10-1). 12 ran. 10l, 2½l. A Bailey. Tote £7.60; £2.30, £1.70, £2.20. DF £5.70. CSF £13.46.
2.15 (3m ch) 1, Tort (W Marston, 11-8 fav); 2, Catch The Cross (6-4); 3, Viva Bella (8-1). 4 ran. 8l, dist. P Dalton. Tote £2.50. DF: £2.50. CSF £3.42.
2.45 (2m 1f ch) 1, What's In Orbit (G Bradley, 8-11 fav); 2, The Flying Footman (9-2); 3, Titus Gold (3-1). 4 ran. 12l, 2l. P Nicholls. Tote £1.90. DF: £2.10. CSF £4.00.
3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Cultured (D Murphy, 9-2); 2, Simpson (12-1); 3, Kiveton Tycoon (11-2). Royal Derbi Evens fav. 6 ran. 4l, 2½l. J White. Tote £3.00; £1.90, £3.10. DF £28.10. CSF £40.68.
3.45 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Dark Honey (A Dicken, 3-1, Thunderer's nap); 2, Mr Fluffs (8-1); 3, Autonomous (10-1). Arran View 11-4 jt-fav. 6 ran. Dist. 8l. S Dow. Tote £2.50; £2.10, £1.70. DF £22.40. CSF £22.05.
Placepot: £566.20.

Plumpton
Going: good (good to soft in places)
1.00 (2m ch) 1, Kalanski (J Osborne, 1-6 fav); 2, Joker Jack (11-2); 3, Tinker Dan (50-1). 4 ran. 7l, 30l. C Egerton. Tote £1.20. DF £1.30. CSF £1.39.
1.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Mecado (M Hourigan, 6-5 fav); 2, Roger's Pal (7-2); 3, Trendy Auctioneer (4-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 2½l. F Yardley. Tote £1.90; £1.20, £1.90. DF £2.70. CSF £5.25.
2.00 (2m) 1, Cotapaxi (A Tory, 4-1); 2, Fred Splendid (8-11 fav); 3, Kasu Kah (2-1). 3 ran. NR: Briggs Builders. ½l, 20l. R Hodges. Tote £4.30. DF £1.80. CSF £6.99.
2.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Juliasdarkinvader (J Clarke, 20-1); 2, Bayrak (11-4); 3, Viney (10-1). Doctoor 4-6 fav. 11 ran. 30l, 8l. A Moore. Tote £36.70; £4.20, £1.10, £3.30. DF £28.80. CSF £71.37.
3.00 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Purbeck Dove (S Earle, 6-1); 2, Glenshane Lad (7-2); 3, Shaston (5-1). Extra Grand 9-4 fav. 6 ran. 15l, 15l. R Alner. Tote £8.30; £1.60, £1.40. DF £12.00. CSF £26.40. Tricast £103.65.
3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Scobie Boy (J Osborne, 4-5 fav); 2, The Whip (12-1); 3, Arctic Life (11-4). 7 ran. NR: Nazzaro. 5l, 30l. C Egerton. Tote £1.90; £1.30, £2.10. DF £4.10. CSF £10.54.
Placepot: £113.10.

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THUNDERER
1.00 La Villa Rose. 1.30 Just Frankie. 2.00 Better Times Ahead. 2.30 Four Deep. 3.00 Lo Stregone. 3.30 Aljadeer.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 **MORCELI**.

GOING: SOFT SIS

1.00 JOHN GOSDEN OWNERS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,987: 2m) (10 runners)
1 ALMAMZAR 32F (Robinson Publications Ltd) N Tinkler 10-12 G McCourt –
2 BARSAL 15F (B Hughes) J Parkes 10-12 N Smith –
3 60 GOLDEN SAVANNAH 7 (Mrs C Ozroby) M W Easterby 10-12 J Driscoll (7) 73
4 8 KEEP BATTLING 20 (A Harrison) A Harrison 10-12 A Orkney –
5 4 MHEMEANLES 7 (L Ford) M H Easterby 10-12 L Wyer 78
6 0 NEGD 20 (Mrs D Kettlewell) S Kettlewell 10-12 R Garritty 71
7 STREPHON 20F (R Scott) J J O'Neill 10-12 M Dwyer –
8 23 LA VILLA ROSE 17 (S Lycett Green) J Payne 10-7 J Callaghan [top]
9 0 ROSSCOYNE 20 (J Wheeler) Mrs M Reveley 10-7 P Niven –
10 653535 SUMMERS DREAM 13 (T Ten) Mrs P Barker 10-7 C Hawkins 84
BETTING: 11-4 La Villa Rose, 7-2 Mhemeanles, 9-2 Almamzar, 7-1 Rosscoyne, Summers Dream, 10-1 others.
1992: BATABANOO 10-12 P Niven (11-4 jt-fav) Mrs M Reveley 13 ran

FORM FOCUS
ALMAMZAR 10l 3rd of 8 to Castle Courageous in a handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good). GOLDEN SAVANNAH 23l 6th of 16 to Regal Aura in a novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good), with NEGD 3l 7th, ROSSCOYNE 25l 11th and KEEP BATTLING brought down at the 1st. MHEMEANLES 12l 4th of 14 to Roscommon Joe in a novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft), with GOLDEN SAVANNAH 21l 11th. STREPHON beat Busman 1½l in an 8-runner claimer at Yarmouth (1m 6f, good to soft). LA VILLA ROSE 7½l 3rd of 7 to Burnt Imp in a grade II novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). SUMMERS DREAM ½l 3rd of 12 to Felt Warden in a novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 110yd, soft).
Selection: LA VILLA ROSE

1.30 JIMMY FITZGERALD OWNERS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,522: 2m) (6 runners)
1 1132-4U BOUTZDAROFF 17 (D,F,G) (Robinson Publications) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-12-0 M Dwyer 88
2 335P-5F BORO SMACKEROO 13 (D,F,G,S) (M Thompson) J Johnson 8-11-4 G McCourt 91
3 23336-1 JUST FRANKIE 11 (D,F,G) (Lady Susan Watson) Mrs M Reveley 9-10-4 P Niven [top]
4 232-343 CAMPSEA-ASH 11 (D,F,G) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 9-10-3 P Murphy (7) 98
5 621-2F5 ONE FOR THE POT 13 (D,F,G,S) (P Davies) M Naughton 8-10-0 A Orkney 80
6 315-441 ISLAND JETSETTER 8 (CD,F,G,S) (N Wilby) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 (6ex) Gary Lyons 84
Long handicap: One For The Pot 9-12, Island Jetsetter 9-8.
BETTING: 9-4 Island Jetsetter, 11-4 Just Frankie, 9-2 One For The Pot, 6-1 Campsea-Ash, 13-2 Boro Smackeroo, 10-1 Boutzdaroff.
1992: SPREE CROSS 6-10-0 K Johnson (7-2) W A Stephenson 3 ran

FORM FOCUS
BOUTZDAROFF 15½l 4th of 7 to Drumstick in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good). Best effort last season came *when beating Fragrant Dawn 2½l in a 6-runner grade II limited handicap chase at Liverpool* (2m, firm), with BORO SMACKEROO (17lb better off) tailed off when pulled up before 2 out. *JUST FRANKIE beat Boston Rover 20l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Market Rasen* (2m 1f 110yd, good), with CAMPSEA-ASH (15lb better off) 25l 3rd. ONE FOR THE POT 1l 2nd of 5 to Positive Action in a handicap chase at Hexham (2m 110yd, soft). ISLAND JETSETTER beat Dollies 7l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Carlisle (2m, good to firm).
Selection: JUST FRANKIE

2.00 MALTON AND DISTRICT TRAINERS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,340: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)
1 12PP1-1 BETTER TIMES AHEAD 18 (C,D,G,S) (E Briggs) G Richards 7-12-0 N Doughty [top]
2 314-631 SIMPLE PLEASURE 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Sirk) Mrs M Stirk 8-10-13 A Orkney 97
3 11/2112- CANDY TUFF 290 (C,F,G,S) (G Stevenson) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-12 L Wyer 98
4 132-61F SIR PETER LELY 17 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (J Doyle Construction) M Hammond 6-10-9 C Grant 98
5 1/ THE MOTCOMBE OAK 575 (S) (J Brownrigg) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-2 P Niven –
BETTING: 13-8 Better Times Ahead, 11-4 Sir Peter Lely, 3-1 Candy Tuff, 11-2 Simple Pleasure, 14-1 The Motcombe Oak.
1992: LUMBERJACK 8-11-4 M Dwyer (5-2) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7 ran

FORM FOCUS
BETTER TIMES AHEAD beat Washingtoncrossing 8l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good). SIMPLE PLEASURE beat Clay County 3l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Kelso (2m 1f, good to soft). CANDY TUFF 3l 2nd of 7 to Whispering Steel in a novice chase at Ayr in January (3m 1f, soft). SIR PETER LELY beat Comet 20l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, good). THE MOTCOMBE OAK beat Ole Ole 20l in a 7-runner hunter chase at Carlisle in April 1992 (3m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: SIR PETER LELY (nap)

2.30 JACKY MILLS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,733: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)
1 2P6-16F STRONG JOHN 24 (G) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 5-11-10 P Murphy (5) 94
2 000-211 FOUR DEEP 11 (D,G,S) (The Braw Partnership) J Johnson 5-11-8 D J Moffatt [top]
3 63353-P SWEET NOBLE 12F (Bezwell Fixings Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-0 F Leahy (7) 95
4 35/23-60 JENDEE 13 (The Avenue Racing Partnership) J Hellens 5-10-11 A Larnach 93
5 202060- SPLIT SECOND 289 (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 4-10-9 C Woodall (5) 98
6 4P/001 TIGHTER BUDGET 11 (S) (A Slack) Mrs E Slack 6-10-4 N Leach (5) 98
7 5006/ HUNTING COUNTRY 574 (D Harrison) J J O'Neill 9-10-3 B Harding (5) –
8 2F-426U MAUREEN'S FANCY 3 (Mrs B Cooney) J Parkes 8-10-2 A Dobbin 94
9 0FPP0-3 RIDDLEMEROO 38 (B Garrett) A Forbes 8-10-0 T Eley (3) 84
10 000-0P HAUT-BRION 11 (G Mattocks) W Storey 4-10-0 J Supple (5) –
11 0-05608 DOCTOR DUNKLIN 6 (Mrs V Ward) Mrs V Ward 4-10-0 D Bentley 75
12 P00U65/ QUIXALL CROSSETT 619 (Mrs K Woodhead) E Caine 8-10-0 P Williams (5) –
Long handicap: Riddlemeroo 9-10, Haut-Brion 9-9, Doctor Dunklin 9-7, Quixall Crossett 9-6.
BETTING: 11-8 Four Deep, 5-1 Sweet Noble, 13-2 Tighter Budget, 8-1 Strong John, Riddlemeroo, 12-1 Split Second, 14-1 Jendee, 20-1 Maureen's Fancy, 33-1 others.
1992: GREY POWER 5-10-7 S Mason (11-8 fav) Mrs M Reveley 10 ran

FORM FOCUS
STRONG JOHN'S best recent form came when beating Safari Park a neck in a 10-runner novice handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 3f 110yd, good).
SWEET NOBLE's best effort came when 4¾l 3rd of 6 to Jackson Flint in a novice hurdle at Doncaster in March (2m 4f, good to firm). FOUR DEEP beat Double Sherry ½l in a 15-runner novice hurdle at Hexham (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). TIGHTER BUDGET beat Stogray City 1¾l in a 12-runner novice handicap hurdle at Hexham (2m, good to soft). MAUREEN'S FANCY's best form this season was when 1½l 2nd of 7 to Sir Pageant, with RIDDLEMEROO 10l 3rd, in a novice handicap hurdle at Bangor (2m 4f, soft).
Selection: FOUR DEEP

3.00 MIDDLEHAM TRAINERS ASSOCIATION (SECOND TO NONE) NOVICES CHASE (£2,872: 3m 110yd) (5 runners)
1 1113P-1 LO STREGONE 11 (G,S) (Mrs S Clegg) T Tate 7-11-6 M Dwyer 90
2 2P254-F ABNEGATION 17 (F,G,S) (J Henderson) J Johnson 8-11-0 G McCourt [top]
3 6/23-5 KNOCK RANK 4 (C Anderson) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-0 P Niven –
4 P0-6350 MONAUGHTY MAN 3 (Mrs K Woodhead) E Caine 7-11-0 P Williams (5) 58
5 TWELTH MAN (Anne Duchess of Westminster) J J O'Neill 6-11-0 L Wyer –
BETTING: 5-5 Abnegation, 11-8 Lo Stregone, 8-1 Knock Rank, 12-1 Twelth Man, 20-1 Monaughty Man.
1992: HIGH PADRE 6-11-0 M Dwyer (9-4 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10 ran

FORM FOCUS
LO STREGONE beat Tallywagger 2½l in a 10-runner novice chase at Hexham (3m 1f, good to soft).
ABNEGATION challenging when fell last behind Brackenfield in a 7-runner novice chase over course and distance (good). KNOCK RANK's best effort was when 4l 3rd of 15 to Celtich Boy in a novice hurdle at Kelso last season (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: LO STREGONE

3.30 COOLMORE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,320: 2m) (17 runners)
1 2P-11 SOUTHOLT 11 (D,F,G) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 5-11-10 P Murphy (7) 89
2 ADMIRALS SEAT 24F (G Shooler) Mrs J Ramsden 5-10-12 Mr S Swiers –
3 ALJADEER 552F (G Shooler) M W Easterby 4-10-12 R Garritty –
4 40-0 BATTERY FIRED 11 (N Mason) N Mason 4-10-12 J Supple (5) –
5 2 CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 11 (Cumbrian Industrials Ltd) M H Easterby 4-10-12 L Wyer 70
6 243432- INAN 169 (BF) (W Farrell) R O'Leary 4-10-12 M Dwyer 77
7 6 MARCHWOOD 35 (J Stephenson) P Cheesbrough 6-10-12 K Johnson –
8 2F/5F23- MORCELI 283 (G) (Mrs J Corbett) J Johnson 5-10-12 G McCourt [top]
9 P-P PRICELESS HOLLY 46 (R Wood) R Wood 5-10-12 Mr S Brisby –
10 ROBERTY LEA 10F (Wensdale Coast Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-12 P Niven –
11 3- SCRABO VIEW 125 (Mrs M Curtis) J Curtis 5-10-12 C Grant –
12 32650-4 SHAHGRAM 7 (Wise Owl Discount Drug Stores Ltd) P Beaumont 5-10-12 Mrs A Farrell 89
13 P TOLLS CHOICE 18 (T Hughes) M W Easterby 4-10-12 T Reed –
14 VANART 15F (W Haigh) W Haigh 4-10-12 D Byrne –
15 0 WESTCOURT FLYER 38 (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 4-10-12 J Driscoll (7) –
16 WSOM 33F (K Stainthorpe) J Carr 5-10-12 N Smith –
17 0-44 MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 39 (Mrs V Robson) R Tate 5-10-7 Mrs F Needham –
BETTING: 3-1 Southolt, 7-2 Cumbrian Challenge, 4-1 Morceli, 8-1 Aljadeer, 10-1 Inan, 14-1 others.
1992: LOCH GARANNE 4-10-7 D Byrne (14-1) M Camacho 21 ran

FORM FOCUS
SOUTHOLT beat CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE (5lb better off) 4l in a novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good), with BATTERY FIRED (same terms) 43l 11th. INAN 2½l 2nd of 6 to Well Done Roy in a novice hurdle at Cartmel (2m 1f 110yd, soft).
MORCELI 5½l 3rd of 5 to Final Run in a novice hurdle at Fairyhouse last season (2m 2f, good to yielding). SHAHGRAM 11l 4th of 10 to Hallo Mam in a handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f 110y, good to soft). ALJADEER 5¾l 3rd of 7 to Alnasr Alwasheek in the group II Dante Stakes at York in May 1992 (1m 2f 110yd).
Selection: SOUTHOLT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs M Reveley	31	92	33.7	D J Moffatt	3	11	27.3
Jimmy Fitzgerald	20	87	23.0	P Niven	34	148	23.0
G Richards	25	115	21.7	N Doughty	17	75	22.7
Mrs V Aconley	5	24	20.8	D Bentley	5	22	22.7
J Johnson	12	66	18.2	L Wyer	25	115	21.7
M H Easterby	21	121	17.4	G McCourt	21	108	19.4

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 12.20 Alpine Johnny. 2.50 Plain Sailing. 3.20 Priscilla Rose.

WARWICK

THUNDERER
1.10 Moving Out. 1.40 Sun Surfer. 2.10 Our Slimbridge. 2.40 Willsford. 3.10 Annio Chilone. 3.40 Amaze.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

1.10 UFTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,444: 2m) (4 runners)
1 540/ BOTTLES 8F (D,F,S) J Banks 6-11-10 S Keightley
2 10-6 ROSGILL 94 (D,F) J White 7-11-10 A Maguire
3 30-3 EASTERN MAGIC 38 (D,G) G Barnett 5-10-6 A Procter (5)
4 31-3 MOVING OUT 32 (CD,BF,F,G) Miss H Knight 5-10-3 J Osborne
7-4 Moving Out, 2-1 Rosgill, 9-4 Eastern Magic, 8-1 Bottles.

1.40 SHIRLEY NOVICES CHASE
(£3,756: 2m) (8)
1 R0-1 PEACEMAN 29 (D,G,S) Mrs D Haine 7-11-4 D Murphy
2 0P-4 GALAXY HIGH 24 (B,S) N Henderson 6-10-12 M A Fitzgerald
3 PPP- MARCH LANE 281 J Webber 6-10-12 R Bellamy
4 00-F PERSIAN SWORD 24 (S) D Nicholson 7-10-12 A Maguire
5 2-4F PLAYING TRUANT 18 (S) D Gandolfo 5-10-12 J Osborne
6 -043 SECRET LIASON 43 (B,G) K Bridgwater 7-10-12 D Bridgwater
7 134- SUN SURFER 269 (G,S) T Forster 5-10-12 B Powell
8 454- MARY O'REILLY 164 W Mann 6-10-7 R Supple
2-1 Sun Surfer, 5-2 Peaceman, 4-1 Galaxy High, 6-1 Playing Truant, 12-1 Secret Liason, 25-1 others.

2.10 HARBURY CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,751: 2m 4f 110yd) (13)
1 F311 BROOK COTTAGE 15 (D,G) F Barton 5-11-12 M Hourigan
2 4PP- OUR SLIMBRIDGE 33F (G) C Williams 5-11-10 A Carroll
3 VALIANTHE 57F M Pipe 5-11-9 J Lower
4 0- PIERRE BLANCO 323 M Bradstock 4-11-8 G Bradley
5 112- SO DISCREET 419 (F,S) J White 5-11-4 A Maguire
6 -004 WAR BEAT 69 (F) B Baugh 5-11-4 G Robertson (7)
7 30-5 THANKSFORTHEOFFER 34 I Jones 5-11-2 A Procter (5)
8 0666 CRAZY HORSE DANCER 18 (B,D,G) F Jordan 5-11-0 R Supple
9 54-5 HIGH GRADE 13 (D,G) Miss S Wilton 5-10-12 B Powell
10 2321 JAMESTOWN BOY 13 (B,D,F,G,S) B Preece 5-10-12 T Wall
11 4224 WEDNESDAYS AUCTION 52 P Rodford 5-10-12 I Shoemark
12 21-0 NORTHERN OPTIMIST 12 (F) B Llewellyn 5-10-7 Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
13 P-00 NORDROSS 24 J Peacock 5-10-3 R Bellamy
6-4 Brook Cottage, 3-1 So Discreet, 5-1 Our Slimbridge, 16-1 others.

2.40 SHIPSTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,302: 3m 2f) (7)
1 25P- FIDDLERS PIKE 206 (C,S) Mrs R Henderson 12-11-12 Mrs R Henderson
2 300- WILLSFORD 213 (B,C,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-11 A Maguire
3 2-11 MERE CLASS 19 (F,S) C Brooks 7-11-4 G Bradley
4 12P- DIRECT 187 (C,D,S) J Edwards 10-10-12 J Osborne
5 U0-2 CYTHERE 38 (D,S) J Gifford 9-10-9 P Hide (3)
6 -532 SMOOTH ESCORT 19 (V,D,G,S) Mrs D Haine 9-10-4 D Murphy
7 P24- DIAMOND FORT 202 (S) J McConnochie 8-10-0 S McNeill
11-10 Mere Class, 9-2 Fiddlers Pike, 11-2 Cythere, 13-2 others.

3.10 VARLEY HIBBS HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,250: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)
1 140- ANNIO CHILONE 208 (G,S) J Gifford 7-11-10 P Hide (3)
2 2-32 SARTORIUS 34 (BF,G,S) T Thomson Jones 7-11-4 B Powell
3 -132 THE GREEN STUFF 10 (F,G,S) J Upson 8-11-3 R Supple
4 211- SHEER ABILITY 220 (S) C Mann 7-10-8 A Maguire
5 4233 L'UOMO PIU 17 (F,G) A Barrow 9-10-0 M A Fitzgerald
9-4 Annio Chilone, 5-2 Sheer Ability, 3-1 The Green Stuff, 5-1 others.

3.40 ASHORNE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,473: 2m) (19)
1 5-11 FATACK 33 (D,G) Miss J Doyle 4-11-5 S Curran (5)
2 F0-1 WINNOWING 20 (F) D Sherwood 5-11-0 J Osborne
3 ALTERMEERA 21F Mrs B Waring 5-10-12 G Morgan
4 AMAZE 27F Lady Herries 4-10-12 E Murphy
5 33-0 ARMATEUR 17 J McConnochie 5-10-12 R Bellamy
6 22/ EMPIRE BLUE 430F J Bosley 10-10-12 M Bosley
7 0 FIRST CENTURY 6 B Llewellyn 4-10-12 Mr J Llewellyn (7)
8 FORGIVE THE FOLLY T Forster 5-10-12 M Hourigan
9 -422 GENERAL TONIC 55 D Gandolfo 6-10-12 S McNeill
10 MILLION IN MIND 24F J White 4-10-12 R Supple
11 NASHAAT 791F N Walker 5-10-12 B Powell
12 0-3 PAY HOMAGE 12 (BF) I Balding 5-10-12 G Bradley
13 24/ RAINBOW CASTLE 587 J Gifford 6-10-12 D Murphy
14 ROCA MURADA 33F D Nicholson 4-10-12 A Maguire
15 /0/ ROSEATE LODGE 15F K Burke 7-10-12 M A Fitzgerald
16 SECRETARY OF STATE 537F C Egerton 7-10-12 J Railton
17 4-22 SIMPLY 38 (BF) R Akehurst 4-10-12 D Bridgwater
18 WOODLANDS LEGEND 113F R Hodges 4-10-12 W Irvine
19 WORLD OF TOMORROW 672F D O'Brien 4-10-12 Leesa Long
13-8 Fatack, 3-1 Pay Homage, 4-1 Winnowing, 8-1 Amaze, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 32 winners from 119 runners, 26.9%; N Henderson, 10 from 46, 21.7%; J Gifford, 8 from 40, 20.0%; R Hodges, 3 from 15, 20.0%; D Nicholson, 15 from 78, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 5 winners from 25 rides, 20.0%; J Osborne, 9 from 63, 14.3%; R Supple, 5 from 35, 14.3%; only qualifiers.

Centre is cleared for return to Bath's back line

By David Hands and Alan Lorimer

PHIL de Glanville, who suffered a severe facial injury playing against the New Zealanders on October 30, expects to play for Bath again this weekend. It is a timely return when the All Blacks have demonstrated to England that their resources at centre are not as deep as once appeared.

De Glanville took part in England's squad training on Sunday, when the Rugby Football Union doctors examined his injury and cleared him to play, though Bath's selectors must still decide whether to throw him back into the deep end in the first team in their league game at Leicester. "I want to make sure I get a game in quickly, just to be back in the swing of things," de Glanville said yesterday.

His return will be appreciated the more because of the doubt surrounding Jeremy Guscott, his club colleague. Guscott trained at Twickenham on Sunday but must undergo further tests this week on the groin problem which has limited him to only three games this season. Guscott is keen to play against New Zealand on November 27, but the England management now place him in the "doubtful" category.

It will be a hectic return for de Glanville, who will also attend next Sunday's England squad training.

TEAMS

ENGLAND EMERGING PLAYERS: P Challinor (Harlequins); P Holford (Gloucester), N Beal (Northampton), D Hopley (Wasps), P Hull (Bristol), M Catt (Bath), M Dawson (Northampton), C Clark (Oxford University), K Dunn (Wasps), J Mallett (Bath), C Sheasby (Harlequins), A Snow (Harlequins), A Blackmore (Bristol), S Ojomoh (Bath), D Ryan (Wasps, capt). Replacements: S Potter (Leicester), P Grayson (Northampton), A Kardooni (Leicester), M Hynes (Orrell), R Cockerill (Leicester), R Jenkins (London Irish).

SCOTLAND DEVELOPMENT XV: K Bray (Harlequins); D Stark (Boroughmuir), F Hamald (London Scottish), R Macnaughton (Northampton), C Dalgleish (Gala); A Donaldson (Currie), D Patterson (Edinburgh Academicals); J Manson (Dundee HSFP), J Hay (Hawick, capt), D Herrington (Dundee HSFP), P Walton (Northampton), N Edwards (Northampton), S Campbell (Dundee HSFP), I Smith (Gloucester), F Wallace (Glasgow HK). Replacements: C Glasgow (Heriot's FP), S McIntosh (West of Scotland), G Oliver (Hawick), S Aitken (Watsonians), B Robertson (Stirling County), S Brotherstone (Melrose).

NEW ZEALANDERS: S Howarth (Auckland), J Wilson (Otago), E Clarke (Auckland), L Stensness (Auckland), E Rush (North Harbour); S Bachop (Otago), J Preston (Wellington); M Allen (Taranaki), N Hewitt (Hawkes Bay), G Purvis (Waikato), J Joseph (Otago), R Fromont (Auckland), B Larsen (North Harbour), L Barry (North Harbour), J Mitchell (Waikato, capt). Replacements: M Ellis (Otago), S Forster (Otago), S Gordon (Waikato), Z Brooke (Auckland), C Dowd (Auckland), O Brown (Auckland).

Referee: G Black (Ireland).

For next weekend England and New Zealand put their heads together on the rucking issue which arose after de Glanville was trampled on at Redruth and might have lost the sight of an eye. "I would like it to have been sorted out quickly and not drag on the way it seems to have done," the Bath centre said.

Meanwhile, the New Zealand tour selectors have a final chance to look at several prospective international players today at Myreside, where the All Blacks, playing a Scottish Development XV in their penultimate game north of the border, will be seeking an eighth consecutive win.

While the result of the match against Scotland A last Saturday may have been satisfactory as a statistic, certain aspects of the All Blacks game might not have been so well received by a side that sets such high standards. As such there may now be thoughts of reconfiguring what was assumed to be the likely international side, notably in the back row, where the blend is not yet right.

Jamie Joseph is being given a second consecutive outing, but this may be as much to do with his lack of games as with an examination of his present form. All the same, New Zealand must now be considering playing Zinzan Brooke in the international side, perhaps at the expense of Joseph. The other possibility for the back row is Blair Larsen, who today is at lock, partnering Richard Fromont, another with an outside chance of an international place.

Charlton puts Belfast cards on table

By Peter Ball and Keith Pike

THERE was only one surprise concerning the Ireland team yesterday, and that was Jack Charlton's decision to announce it after a training session in Dundalk yesterday morning, more than 48 hours before their match with Northern Ireland in Belfast tomorrow night.

The team itself contains no surprises. With Townsend and Aldridge, who both missed last month's defeat by Spain, returning, the only change from Charlton's tried and trusted XI is the loss of Staunton, who is replaced by McGoldrick.

The return of Townsend and Aldridge is crucial. Aldridge has played only 1½ of Tranmere's last nine matches and may lack match fitness. But, despite making a slow start against Sunderland on Saturday, he looked fit. Townsend is "as sharp as a tack", in Charlton's words.

McGoldrick's last cap was against Denmark in Dublin last April as a left back, but a more pertinent example was in Copenhagen 13 months ago when he again replaced Staunton. On that occasion he began on the left, but soon swapped flanks with Houghton.

Charlton's formation suggests they will begin with McGoldrick on the right this time, but the manager refused to confirm that yesterday. "That's up to you to speculate," he said. "They are both capable of playing on either wing." Victory for Ireland in group three would assure them of a place in the finals but Wales must win their last game in group four to have any chance of qualifying. However, Romania, their opponents tomorrow, need only a draw to be certain of qualifying and are supremely confident.

"We are a superior side with more quality," Gheorge Hagi, their inspirational playmaker, said yesterday after the Romanians had arrived in Cardiff. Based on the evidence of Bucharest 18 months ago, it is a reasonable assessment. Hagi scored twice as Romania overwhelmed Wales 5-1.

Terry Yorath, the Wales manager, concedes that, at their best, Romania are a match for any team in the world. However, there is another side to Romania, as Yorath witnessed in June when they lost 5-2 to the Representation of Czechs and Slovaks in Kosice, even though the RCS finished with only nine players. It was a result that cost Cornel Dinu his job as manager — Anghel Iordanescu is now in charge — but not before he had given Yorath more hope.

Two months earlier, Dinu had travelled to Ostrava to see Wales force a 1-1 draw against the RCS. "He told me then that it would not be a problem for Romania in Cardiff, that they just needed one touch of brilliance and they would win the game," Yorath said. "It was shocking arrogance."

That arrogance, Yorath believes, makes it unlikely that Iordanescu will allow any concessions to the individual brilliance of Giggs, Rush and Saunders — and that could play into Welsh hands.

Should Wales reach the finals, Neville Southall will be at Yorath's disposal, the Everton goalkeeper confirmed yesterday. Southall is reported to have said that he might not make the trip to the United States if Wales qualified because he did not want to be away from home too long.

IRELAND TEAM: P Bonner (Celtic) — D Irwin (Manchester United), A Kernaghan (Manchester City), P McGrath (Aston Villa), T Phelan (Manchester City) — E McGoldrick (Arsenal), R Keane (Manchester United), A Townsend (Aston Villa), R Houghton (Aston Villa) — N Quinn (Manchester City), J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers). Substitutes to be announced.

Australia take toll of attack depleted by injury

From Peter Roebuck in Perth

THIS was not much of a fourth day for New Zealand in the first Test. At dawn they must have hoped for a substantial lead and an opportunity to embarrass their hosts. At dusk they were a team held together by strappings and bandages whose only hope of victory lay in an unduly generous declaration by opponents already 196 runs in front.

New Zealand's slide in the morning was due, in part, to a tightening in the Australian bowling as the faster men pitched up and Warne bowled at off stump from over the wicket, a distinct change of tactics. Blain was first to go after pushing at the ball with a pad, sent on his way by umpire Tony McQuillan, a Queenslander who is making a good impression in his first Test match.

So emphatically had Cairns batted on the previous evening that a hundred seemed within his grasp, but he had had time to think overnight and was in circumspect mood, a couple of fours off Warne being his main contribution before a flipper bamboozled and bowled him. At last Warne had taken a wicket in Perth.

Morrison was soon dumfounded by a slower ball from McGrath and to add to New Zealand's woes, Watson had no sooner arrived at the crease than he hobbled off, having torn a hamstring as he answered Su'a's call for a single. Since Cairns was nursing a sore heel and could hardly bowl, the New Zealanders were sadly depleted.

Leading by 20, New Zealand at first pressed hard, Morrison again bowling an inspired opening spell. Why the gods chose not to reward him only they will know. Why umpire Darrell Hair did not give Taylor out as he was struck on the shin by an inswinger only he will know. Soon afterwards Taylor was dropped by Crowe at slip off Patel.

And that, so far as New Zealand was concerned, was nearly that. They had one more moment of excitement. Jones appealing vociferously for a catch at silly point as Taylor swept and the ball struck something or other. New Zealand were despondent to be denied, and Jones threw the ball to the ground in disgust, earning a severe reprimand for his dissent from the match referee, Srinivas Venkataraghavan.

Morrison continued to lead the attack with spirit and control, otherwise the batsman collected runs easily, Taylor chugging along at his own pace and Slater fighting to recover lost form — he had not passed 30 in his 11 previous first-class innings. A century for Slater seemed certain until an undistinguished delivery from Patel brushed his glove as it wandered down the leg side. Slater's 99 had taken 243 minutes and had reinforced his shaky position.

New Zealand will probably consider a draw a good result, though they will rue some poor luck and a few missed chances.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 396 (I A Healy 113 not out, M A Taylor 64, P R Reiffel 51; C L Cairns 4-113).

Second Innings

M J Slater c Blain b Patel	99
M A Taylor not out	94
D C Boon not out	15
Extras (lb 2, nb 8)	10
Total (1 wkt)	218

M E Waugh, *A R Border, S R Waugh, †I A Healy, P R Reiffel, S K Warne, C J McDermott and G D McGrath to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-198

BOWLING: Morrison 18-5-38-0 (nb 1); Patel 29-4-104-1; Cairns 1-0-12-0; Su'a 16-0-62-0 (nb 7); Pocock 2-0-10-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

M J Greatbatch c Healy b McGrath	18
B A Pocock c Boon b McDermott	34
A H Jones c Healy b M E Waugh	143
*M D Crowe c Taylor b Reiffel	42
K R Rutherford c Healy b McDermott	17
D N Patel c S R Waugh b Reiffel	20
C L Cairns b Warne	78
†T E Blain lbw b McDermott	36
M L Su'a not out	14
D K Morrison lbw b McGrath	0
W Watson not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 10)	17
Total (9 wkts dec)	419

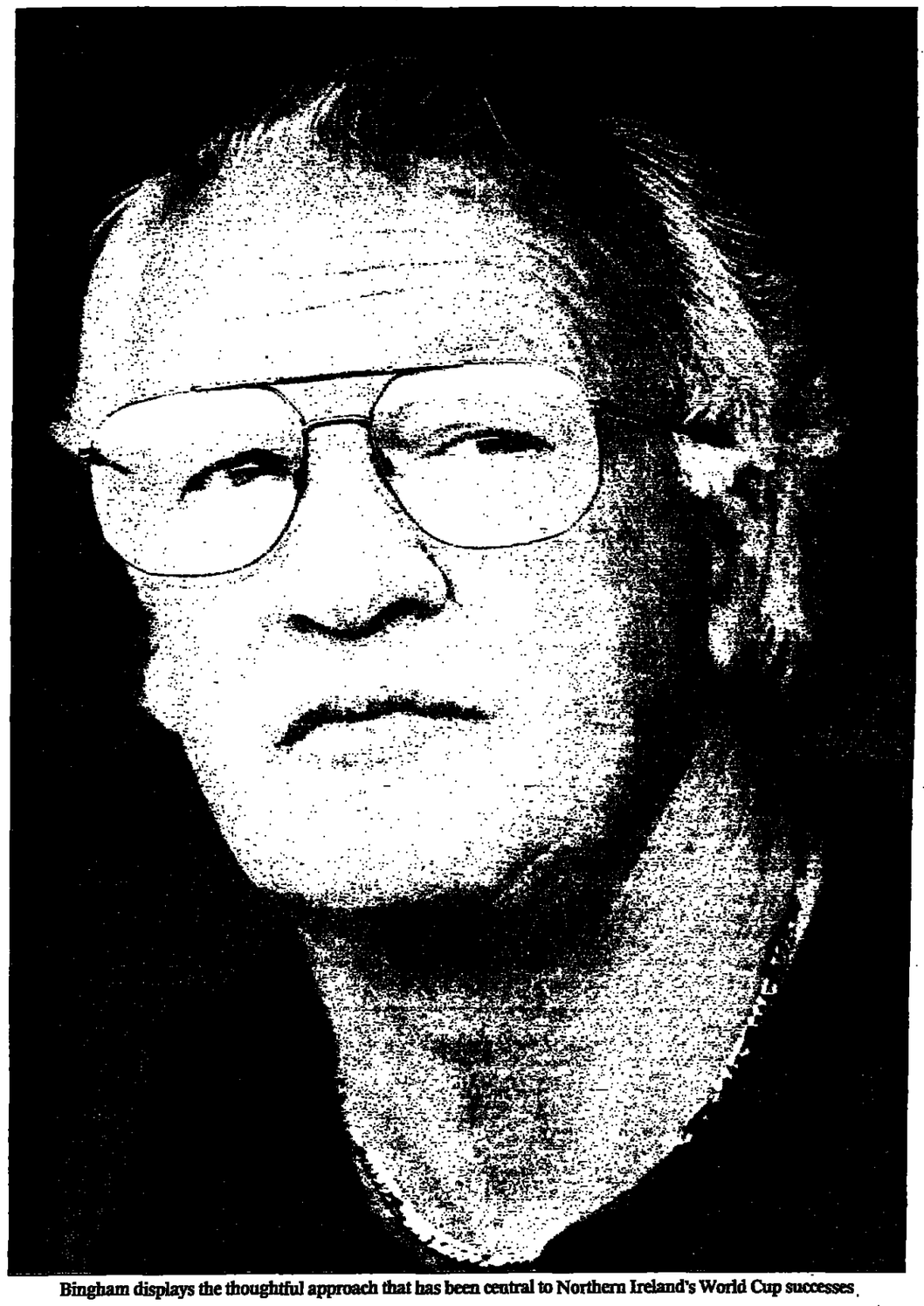
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-100, 3-199, 4-239, 5-275, 6-292, 7-394, 8-413, 9-418.

BOWLING: McDermott 40-10-127-3; McGrath 39-12-92-2; Reiffel 24-2-75-2; Warne 37.1-6-90-1; M E Waugh 13-4-18-1; S R Waugh 4-0-10-0; Border 2-2-0-0.

Umpires: D B Hair and A J McQuillan.

Bingham seeks to pen final glorious chapter

The Northern Ireland manager will bow out after one more mission in the World Cup arena, Rob Hughes reports



Bingham displays the thoughtful approach that has been central to Northern Ireland's World Cup successes

Tomorrow at Windsor Park, Belfast, in the shadow of the gun that has been a necessity of security in Northern Ireland these past 25 years, the life and times of William Laurie Bingham will pass before him.

It is the life and times of Northern Ireland's football too, for Bingham has been a central part — man and boy, manager and player — of every success the team has known at World Cup level.

Wee Billy, raised during the 1930s depression as the son of an east Belfast shipyard worker, began playing for Glentoran at the aged of 16. Tomorrow, 46 years on, he retires after 14 years in his second spell as the national team manager. As a winger, he scurried along to the passes of Danny Blanchflower, and aimed his crosses at the head of Derek Dougan in the 1958 team which reached the last eight of the World Cup in Sweden.

The qualities of Bingham, the player — speed off the mark, tenacity, a flair for the unexpected — carried through to management. Bingham became a qualified coach at the tender age of 26, and the only other times his province of 1.5 million people has sent teams to World Cup finals, he was in charge, in Spain in 1982 and Mexico in 1986.

In all these years, in the successes and the failures, he prided himself on one paramount achievement. "My teams were always a thorough mix of the two tribes," he said. That inevitable reference to the topic of Belfast times, refers to his, and to Northern Ireland's footballing sons refusal to pander to sectarianism. He regards selection and motivation as the key to management.

The greatest players he ever fielded, Pat Jennings and George Best, were a Catholic and a Protestant sharing a room under the management of Bingham, himself a collector of antique books, including volumes which chart the history, and the antagonisms of Ireland throughout the ages. Nothing, Bingham wryly muses, has changed.

There is in this small man a huge competitive drive. He is a roguish campaigner whose teams have often been built on spirited pragmatism because a George Best comes along once in a cycle. A night in Valencia in 1982 demonstrated this. Northern Ireland, playing 50,000 Spaniards in the crowd, were down to ten men after Mal Donaghy was unjustly sent off on the hour. He reacted to the constant hacking down of his colleagues, to the karate chops and bodychecks of the home side.

But fighting football was meat and drink to Bingham's Boys. They won through a goal from the rumbustious Gerry Armstrong, and at the final whistle Bingham raced on to the pitch, his little legs carrying him faster than a pursuing posse of broadcasters. He reached Armstrong and somehow contrived to get his short arms around the barrel chest of the big centre forward. And though Bingham denies it, his tears mingled with the sweat of Armstrong.

Down in the tunnel where armed police menaced every Northern Irishman, Bingham stood with his back against the wall. A Spanish radio microphone was prodded into his face, the inquisitor insisting the Northern Irish had ridden their luck.

Bingham bit on his pipe and responded hoarsely: "There were so many vicious fouls out there. It was an attempt to intimidate us. The referee let you get away with diabolical stuff, and we had a boy sent off by a bad arbiter."

The Spaniard tried to rile Bingham further. By then the manager's cloak of serenity was restored. He concluded the interview with sweet irony: "In the end, the big teams win the groups, don't they?"

That combative broadcaster could not have known that the day had been as fractious for Bingham as for the players. Before lunch his own sometimes withering tongue had upset Jim Platt, the reserve goalkeeper, who threatened to walk out. Other players, Sammy Nelson among them, sided with the goalkeeper, and Martin O'Neill had taken Bingham to one side pleading with him not to transmit his own depressed feelings to the team.

Bingham remotivated his team with the cocktail of laughter and determination gleaned under his own mentor, Peter Doherty, the 1958 World Cup manager. "I've known the flow of the tide behind me," Bingham said later. "And I've had it wash over me as well."

The players outside his room sang into the early hours around the hotel pool, making good impressions of the drunkards the Spanish had accused them of being before the match. Even in that, in encouraging wild rumour, a chord was struck. For the 1958 team joker, Gerry Morgan, convinced the Swedish media that the Irish trained on whisky and potato bread.

Were that remotely so, Bingham would never have sustained a career of over 460 games in England's first division, with Sunderland, Luton and Everton, nor a managerial career that leap-frogged from Southport to Plymouth to the Greek national team to Saudi Arabia and Everton.

That gypsy experience, the wisdom acquired under Doherty, gave Bingham what he calls a reasonable curriculum vitae. So did 56 caps in the Northern Irish jersey. "If you've been up the mountain," he suggests, "you can tell people how to climb it."

Tomorrow at Windsor Park he will attempt his final victory, to frustrate the hopes of the south. Bingham was wounded by taunts in Dublin where the Republic beat the North 3-0 and the crowd sang: "There's only one team in Ireland."

His competitive hackles are aroused. He speaks, even in the tense atmosphere of his home city, of a simple mission: revenge. And after that he will go home to Southport, where his house overlooks the Irish Sea and golf course at Royal Birkdale and where his collection of royal mementoes includes the MBE for services to Northern Irish football.

Best, one of his old boys, has a fancy to succeed him. Unless Best contemplates playing, he will not recreate the wiles, or the knowledge of Wee Billy.

Cup plot awaits thrilling finale

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

THE feeling that tomorrow is make or break for England, and that the world is waiting for the mother country to deliver, could scarcely be further from the truth. It is D-Day for the teams seeking to fill the remaining nine places on the roulette wheel of the World Cup finals draw in Las Vegas next month. This, after more than 400 qualifying matches in five continents, still has all the intrigue of an Alfred Hitchcock thriller.

In group one, for example, Italy and Portugal play a short distance from Bologna, where England meet San Marino, in a match that is bound to produce a finalist. Italy, inspired by Roberto Baggio, are the favourites, especially as Portugal rely on Paulo Futre, who in the past three months has been sold by both Benfica and Marseille.

In the same group, an Englishman, Roy Hodgson, has a real chance of managing Switzerland to the finals. The Swiss must beat Estonia by two goals to be sure of making the trip.

In group three, aside from the all-Ireland contest in Belfast, there is a match in Seville in which Spain and Denmark can yet qualify. The Danes have the Laudrup brothers back in their attack, the Spaniards rely for goals on Julio Salinas, who in over two years at Barcelona has played just eight first-team matches.

Salinas and Michael Laudrup, also a Barcelona forward, have been talking of a pact between the Spaniards and the Danes to draw the match if it appears that Ireland are not winning in Belfast. Apart from the appalling notion of this, it is surely too risky a ploy.

Group four is still wide open, and any two of four can qualify. The Belgians, who are built around Enzo Scifo, are still likely to go through, needing only a draw against the Representation of Czechs and Slovaks. That would leave Wales or Romania, meeting in Cardiff, playing winner takes all.

Group five is settled, Greece and Russia have qualified. And in group six, given Cantona's reprieve, the French will surely not slip up again, and will beat Bulgaria on the same Parc des Princes pitch where last month they astonishingly lost to Israel. A draw, in fact, would put the French into the finals with Sweden.

Finally, Argentina are still a game away from the finals. Having drawn 1-1 in Sydney, Argentina have only to win against Australia on home soil in Buenos Aires. Diego Maradona, having produced the one creative moment to salvage his team's point in Australia, may be an overnight hero again, especially as Australian have lost their Aston Villa goalkeeper, Mark Bosnich, and the playmaker, Ed Zelic, both injured.

WORLD CUP GROUP TABLES

Group one

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	9	6	2	1	21	7	14
Portugal	9	6	2	1	18	4	14
Switzerland	9	5	3	1	19	6	13
Scotland	9	3	3	3	12	13	9
Malta	9	1	1	7	3	21	3
Estonia	9	0	1	8	1	23	1

TOMORROW: Italy v Portugal; Malta v Scotland, Switzerland v Estonia.

Group two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Norway	10	7	2	1	25	5	16
Holland	9	5	3	1	28	6	13
England	9	4	3	2	19	8	11
Poland	8	3	2	4	9	11	8
Turkey	10	3	1	6	11	19	7
San Marino	9	0	1	8	1	39	1

TOMORROW: San Marino v England; Poland v Holland.

Group three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	11	7	4	0	15	1	18
Spain	11	7	3	1	26	4	17
Ireland	11	7	3	1	18	5	17
N Ireland	11	5	2	4	13	12	12
Lithuania	12	2	3	7	8	21	7
Latvia	12	0	5	7	4	21	5
Albania	12	1	2	9	6	28	4

TOMORROW: N Ireland v Ireland; Spain v Denmark.

Group four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	9	7	0	2	16	5	14
Romania	9	6	1	2	27	11	13
RCS	9	4	4	1	21	9	12
Wales	9	5	2	2	18	10	12
Cyprus	10	2	1	7	6	18	5
Faeroe Is	10	0	0	10	1	38	0

TOMORROW: Wales v Romania; Belgium v RCS.

Group five

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Russia	7	5	2	0	15	3	12
*Greece	7	5	2	0	9	2	12
Iceland	8	3	2	3	7	6	8
Hungary	8	2	1	5	6	11	5
Luxembourg	8	0	1	7	2	17	1

TOMORROW: Greece v Russia.

Group six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Sweden	10	6	3	1	19	8	15
France	9	6	2	1	16	8	13
Bulgaria	9	5	2	2	17	9	12
Austria	10	3	5	2	15	16	8
Finland	10	2	7	1	9	18	6
Israel	10	1	3	6	10	27	5

TOMORROW: France v Bulgaria.
* qualified for finals

Cup minnow denied home advantage

By Our Sports Staff

LUCK deserted the giant-killers when the draw for the second round of the FA Cup was made yesterday for it produced a succession of away games for the weekend's outstanding performers.

The dubious reward for Halifax, who provided the biggest shock by eliminating West Bromwich Albion, is a visit to Stockport, who lead the second division. Bromsgrove Rovers, who won at Northampton, must travel again, to either Yeovil or Fulham.

Macclesfield, conquerors of Hartlepool, will be away to Crewe while Sutton United, who toppled third division Colchester, must head west to Torquay.

Police are investigating complaints that Sutton's goalkeeper, Fitzroy McCaulsky, made provocative gestures after his side's final goal in their 4-3 win at Layer Road. "We are investigating allegations by some supporters and some officers at the game. When those investigations are complete a report about the conduct of the goalkeeper will go to the Football Association," Chief Insp David Murthwaite said.

At least one club from outside the Football League is certain of a place in the third round and the chance of money-spinning tie against one the big guns for Kidderminster, former leaders of the GM Vauxhall Conference, will play either Woking or Weston-super-Mare.

Bath City, delighted to have survived longer than their Twerton Park tenants, Bristol Rovers, will entertain Hereford, a match that will be screened live by Sky Sports on Sunday, December 5.

SECOND-ROUND DRAW: Lincoln v Bolton; Leek or Wigan v Scarborough; Shrewsbury or Doncaster v Preston; Blyth or York v Rochdale; Bradford or Chester v Runcorn or Hull; Stockport v Halifax; Port Vale v Telford or Huddersfield, Carlisle v Stalybridge or Marine; Wrexham or Walsall v Scunthorpe; Crewe v Macclesfield; Brentford v Enfield or Cardiff, Torquay v Sutton Utd, Kidderminster v Woking or Weston-super-Mare, Leyton Orient v Exeter, Plymouth v Yeading or Gillingham; Crawley v Barnet, Bath v Hereford, Yeovil or Fulham v Bromsgrove; Bournemouth v Swansea or Runcorn; Wycombe v Cambridge Utd or Reading.

☐ Ties to be played weekend of Dec 4

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (19603)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (52848535)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical discussion (s) (9379061)
9.45 Newshound. Topical quiz (s) (1721603)
10.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3095210) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (6409852)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. *Magazine programme (s) (78698448)*
12.15 Pebble Mill. With Judi Spiers (s) (2524516) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (76561448)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) Weather (53974)
1.30 Neighbours. *(Ceefax) (s) (42493535)*
1.50 XYZ. Alphabet quiz (42497351)
2.15 FILM: Hot Enough for June (1963). Amusing spoof spy thriller with Dirk Bogarde supported by a *strong* cast, *including* Robert Morley and Leo McKern. Directed by Ralph Thomas (563054)
3.50 Children's BBC: Tales of the Tooth Fairies. Cartoon adventures (6275531) **3.55 Moomin.** *Whimsical cartoon (7646413)* ***4.20 Spacevets.*** *Red Dwarf*-style science-fiction series(s) (1884622) **4.35 It'll Never Work**. Sally Grace, Angela Lamont and Jez Nelson present inventions and scientific ideas. *(Ceefax) (s) (1662603)* ***5.00 Newsround*** *(1401442)* **5.10 Byker Grove**. (Ceefax) (2180535)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (910061). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with *Anna Ford and Peter* Sissons. (Ceefax) Weather (871)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (351). **Northern Ireland**: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)



Jill Dando enjoys the Seychelles (7.00pm)

7.00 Holiday. Return of the formula travel programme. Destinations featured this week include the Seychelles, Minorca and Dartmoor. Presented by Jill Dando. (Ceefax) (7582). **Wales:** Six of One
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (535)
8.00 Children's Hospital. Real-life stories from the Sheffield Children's Hospital. (Ceefax) (2790)
8.30 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by John Aldridge, Angus Fraser, Colin Jackson and Penny Way. (Ceefax) (s) (5697). **Northern Ireland:** World Cup 94
9.00 Nine O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (9061)
9.30 Between the Lines. Strong drama series about a police corruption investigation squad. With Neil Pearson. (Ceefax) (s) (514581). **Wales:** Week In Week Out *(64429); 10.00-10.50 Between the Lines* (766622)
10.20 CHOICE **Omnibus: The National Portrait Gallery** (Ceefax) (753158). **Northern** ***Ireland:*** *Country Times (885603); 10.45-11.35* Omnibus (984103). **Wales:** 10.50 Omnibus (134626)
11.10 FILM: Farewell My Lovely (1945, b/w). *Compelling* version of the Raymond Chandler private eye classic, with Dick Powell as Marlowe and Claire Trevor in the female lead. Directed by Edward Dmytryk (503326). **Northern Ireland:** 11.35-1.10am *FILM: Farewell, My Lovely* (471993). **Wales:** 11.40 Holiday (615974); 12.10am-1.45 FILM: Farewell, My Lovely (372949)
12.45am Weather (2568098). Ends at **12.50**
2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (21630). Ends at **2.45**. **3.15** Legal Network Television (27814). Ends at **3.45**

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (9533500)
8.15 Cameron Country. James Cameron in his native Dundee (r) (4819910)
9.00 Reviving Antiques Washing a Victorian baby's shawl (r) (7730784)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Including, for children: **1.20 The Brollys** (81761622) and **1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair** (96461177)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (90221055) **2.05 You and Me** (14182055) **2.15 Craftsmen**. The harpsichord (r) (14275719)
2.30 See Hear! Magazine for people with impaired hearing (r). (Ceefax) (s) (784)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4713061) **3.05 The Last Place on Earth**. The Tibetan monks of Karsha (r) (9170351) **3.50 News**. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7046852)
4.00 Catchword. Word-based contest (s) (264)
4.30 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century (b/w). Robert Powell narrates the story of the infamous St Valentine's Day massacre of 1929 (s) (448)
5.00 Today's the Day. Martyn Lewis presents the historical quiz (1448)
5.30 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Re-run of last night's programme (r) (s) (500)
6.00 FILM: They Who Dare (1953). Brisk British second world war drama with Dirk Bogarde and Denholm Elliott involved in commando exploits in the Greek islands. Directed by Lewis Milestone (45835806)
7.50 Do Schools Fail Children? *Subtitled A User's Report*, seven young people discuss what schools have done for them. (Ceefax) (362968)
8.30 Food and Drink. Ways with game, wines from *Germany, a consumer test of cake tins, and the* beginning of a gastronomic tour of southern Italy. With Chris Kelly, Michael Barry, Jill Goolden and Oz Clarke (s) (3239)
9.00 ***Wild Palms.*** *Second of a five-part science-fiction* thriller by Oliver Stone, with echoes of David Lynch's *Twin Peaks*. With James Belushi, Dana Delany and Angie Dickinson. (Ceefax) (s) (486968)



The Drummonds, a family at war (9.45pm)

9.45 CHOICE **40 Minutes: Shattered Dreams**. (Ceefax) (896697)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (547239)
11.15 The Late Show. Melvyn Bragg presents tonight's *arts magazine (s) (770245)*
11.55 Weatherview (493974)
12.00 FILM: Dragon's Food (1987, b/w). Tragi-comedy based on a true story about Pakistani and Chinese *immigrants attempting to open a restaurant in* Hamburg. Directed by Jan Schütte. In German with English subtitles (5018562). Ends at **1.15am**
2.00 Night School. Language File programmes (95456). Ends at **4.00**

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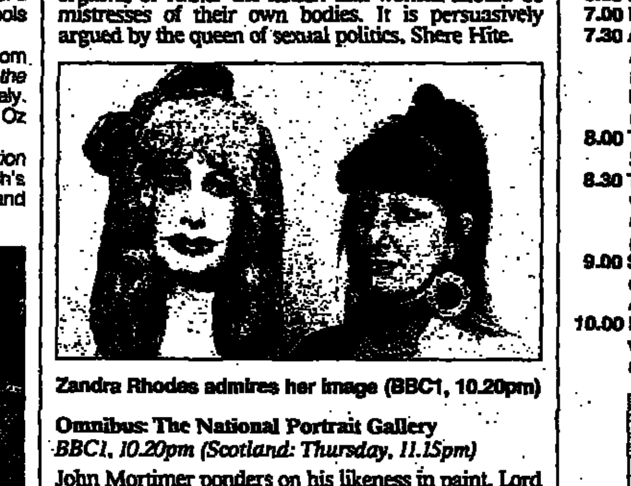
CHOICE

The Visit: The Boy David — Now a Man
ITV, 10.40pm

Desmond Wilcox takes his documentary series from BBC to ITV and recycles one of its favourite subjects. This is Wilcox's fifth film about David, the Peruvian boy with his face deformed by disease. When he was *not yet two, David was found by a Scottish plastic* surgeon, Ian Jackson. While Jackson *performed operation after operation to rebuild his face.* David *was adopted by the family.* David is now 18 and has *just graduated from high school in the United States.* After one more big operation he must go out and make his own way in the world. Despite Jackson's skills David will never have a normal appearance and the *film examines with sympathy but realism his chances* of getting a job and finding a partner.

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9.00pm

It is Good Ideas/Bad Ideas night on the Channel 4 cultural strand. Presumably because bad news makes better copy, the bulk of the hour is devoted to an onslaught on Sigmund Freud by an American historian of psychoanalysis, Peter Swales. Freud's theories, he claims, are unproved assertions which have been taken far too seriously, not least by Americans. Woody Allen is held up as an example of what years in therapy can do to a man. Swales says that Allen even puts his animals into analysis, though that might be a joke. The Good Idea is the female orgasm, *or rather the notion that women should be mistresses of their own bodies.* It is persuasively argued by the queen of sexual politics, Shere Hite.



Zandra Rhodes admires her image (BBC1, 10.20pm)

Omnibus: The National Portrait Gallery
BBC1, 10.20pm (Scotland: Thursday, 11.15pm)

John Mortimer ponders on his likeness in paint, Lord Annan sits for a sculptor and Zandra Rhodes is happy to join the ranks of the great and the good. There is a suspicion that not all the trustees of the National Portrait Gallery know who Rhodes is, but they vote for her effigy all the same. We also hear their discussions on a mobile of Lynn Seymour, a collage of the Monty Python team, plus dead parrot, and a portrait of Dame Joan Sutherland. In Dame Joan's case the subject is more distinguished than the painting, but the same can be said of the gallery's Shakespeare. Patricia Wheatcroft's film, which is being screened the day before the Queen opens the fruits of a £12 million development, is lively and informative.

40 Minutes: Shattered Dreams
BBC2, 9.45pm

Film-makers should not be too in awe of their subjects. It can rebound, as it does here for Simon Beaufroy. Mountaineer, poet and idealist, Edwin Drummond *was Beaufroy's hero. But this portrait seems unlikely* to win sympathy. Drummond once shinned up Nelson's Column to protest about Apartheid. He scaled a San Francisco skyscraper to draw attention to *the arms race and married his fellow climber, a young* American called Lia. But the marriage foundered. She accuses him of neglecting their children and leaving her to exist on social security while he goes off to save the world. *Beaufroy's film charts their acrimonious* relationship, played out in full view of the camera. It is hard not to side with Lia. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8169448)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Shopping game show (s) (7768697) **9.55 London Today**. (Teletext) (6418500)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical studio discussion programme (s) (3698622)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine show presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (78682887) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7316142)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Teletext) Weather (9427264)
12.55 Emmerdale. Last Thursday evening's episode of the rural English soap (r). (Teletext) (9339055)
1.25 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (30608413)
1.55 A Country Practice (s) (42481790)
2.20 Gardener's Diary. Tips on planning a new garden (59947055)
2.50 The Young Doctors. More Aussie hospital-based drama (7566516) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (4720351) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4729622)
3.30 Children's ITV: The Riddlers (2769603) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (7140622) **3.50 Cartoon** (7146806) **4.00 The Raggy Dolls**. Animated puppets (s) (1793326) **4.15 Hurricanes**. Cartoon adventure about a soccer team (4198784) **4.40 Children's Ward**. Medical drama. (Teletext) (s) (5484719)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2357790)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) and weather (455239)
6.00 London Tonight. *(Teletext) (74852)*
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (5210)
7.30 American Affair. Randall Lee Rose asks how American trends influence life in Britain. Among *those expressing views are* Richard Branson, John Hegarty, Gerry Anderson and William G. Stewart (s) (603)
8.00 The Bill. An illegal immigrant will speak only to Steele. With Robert Perkins. *(Teletext) (4158)*
8.30 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna. Audience volunteers subject themselves to hypnosis for our amusement. Tonight's guest is Beverley Craven (s) *(6993)*
9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Dutch Courage. British army drama series. The men visit the hot spots of Amsterdam. (Teletext) (s) (5351)
10.00 News at Ten *with Julia Somerville. (Teletext) and* weather (58968) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (478245)

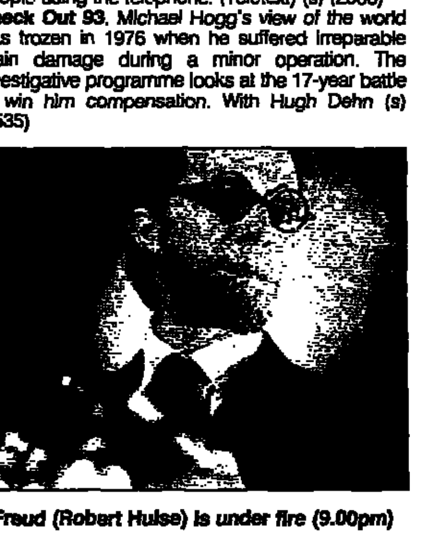


David grown up, a man and his dog (10.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE **The Visit: The Boy David — Now a Man**. *(Teletext) (s) (732790)*
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (768535)
12.30am The Little Picture Show. Video releases include *Sommersby* (81104)
1.30 Stephen King's World of Horror *(7769982)*
2.25 FILM: Break in the Circle (1955, b/w). Forrest Tucker and Eva Bartok star in this unexceptional adventure yarn about the captain of a small boat *who is hired to help a scientist escape from East* Germany. Marius Goring adds a little class. Directed by Val Guest (533185)
4.00 The Beat. Music from Grant Lee Buffalo, Auteurs *and Sidi Bou Said (r) (s) (94659)*
5.00 Riviera. French soap (69833)
5.30 ITN Morning News (81494). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Cartoon adventure (r) (1260158) **6.50 The Wombles**. Environmentally friendly fantasy (r) (2905429)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (70697)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (39245)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (1726158) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5459061) **10.02** Videoteca (6506719) **10.23** Place and People (6333351) **10.44** Good Health (4532177) **11.00** Science in Focus (7143974) **11.22** Stage One (7863784) **11.40** How We Used to Live (5467142)
12.00 Profiles of Nature. Animal migration (46581)
12.30 Sesame Street. Today's guest is the singer Gloria Estefan (63069)
1.30 Alfred J. Kwak. Cartoon (r) (69974)
2.00 FILM: Three Men in a Boat (1956). Mildly diverting British comedy based on the Jerome K. Jerome story. Laurence Harvey stars, with Jimmy Edwards and David Tomlinson making up the trio of Victorian bachelors embarking on a trip down the Thames. Directed by Ken Annakin (449622)
3.40 Prairie Album. Life on a farm depicted in watercolours (r) (2674581)
3.55 Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio. Alwyn Crawshaw discusses the use of holiday photographs to paint from, and demonstrates pen and wash technique (3422177)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (516)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. American discussion programme. Today, Oprah talks to amnesia sufferers. (Teletext) (s) (3357790)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (850167)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. American comedy starring Robin Williams. Raquel Welch makes a guest appearance as a seductive agent (r) (581)
6.30 Roseanne. More American humour, starring the *redoubtable* Roseanne Arnold. With John Goodman (r). (Teletext) (s) (531)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. *(Teletext)* Weather (991264)
7.50 Comment. Viewers' opinion slot (402968)
8.00 The Talking Show. Sandi Toksvig examines the art *of communication as a stranger at a party, with help* from Professor Max Atkinson, an expert in conversation analysis. And Susan Hart gives tips for people using the telephone. (Teletext) (s) (2500)
8.30 Check Out 93. *Michael Hogg's view of the* world was frozen in 1976 when he suffered irreparable brain damage during a minor operation. The investigative programme looks at the 17-year battle *to win him compensation. With Hugh Dehn* (s) (4535)



Freud (Robert Hulse) is under fire (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Without Walls: Bad Ideas of the 20th Century — Freudism.** (Teletext) (s) (577264) and at **9.45 Good Ideas of the 20th Century — The Female Orgasm**. (Teletext) (s) (290871)
10.00 FILM: Mississippi Masala (1991). Drama about *racial pride and prejudice interfering with the* romance between a street-smart young black and a Ugandan Asian refugee in small-town Mississippi. Starring Denzel Washington and Santa Choudhury. *Directed by Mira Nair (s) (98969887)*
12.10am Jacques Loussier. The French jazz pianist in concert in 1985 (r) (7979272). Ends at **1.20**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.00** News 93 **5.30** Evening Session with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** Musicmusicmusic: Tunes with Jonathan King (5 of 10) **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM *Stereo.* **5.00am** *Sarah Kennedy with* the Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Edwina Currie **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Junkin's Jokers. Richard Digance tells John Junkin who makes him laugh **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Keep Watching The Skies. See Choice **10.00** The Rat Pack **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05** Steve Madden with Night Ride incl at **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester incl at **3.30** Pause for Thought

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** For Schools: Infant Science, See for Yourself, **9.10** Radio Numbertime, **9.20** First Steps in Drama **9.35** Wordplay **9.45** Singing Together **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Johnnie Walker with *The AM Alternative* ***12.30pm*** Strange Stories with Paul Simon **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Hacker by Malorie Blackman (1 of 4) **7.15** Sniff Bounces Back by Ian Whybrow (r) **7.30** Football Plus **10.10** Earshot with Steve McKenna **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** *Morgenmagazin* **5.30** *Europe Today* **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** Perfectly Proportioned **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Coast to Coast **9.30** On Screen **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Tchaikovsky **11.00** *Newsdesk* **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *The Master* **2.45** American Pioneers **3.00** News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** *Concert Hall* ***Midnight*** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Homeward Bound **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** *Development '93* **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Discovery **4.00** News **4.15** Waveguide **4.25** Book Choice

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto *Delius (Concerto for Cello and Violin: Royal Liverpool* Philharmonic Orchestra under Charles Mackerras with Tasmin Little and Raphael Wallfisch) ***3.00*** *Petroc Trelawny* **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Classic Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert See Choice **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Wendy Lloyd

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (42481790) **2.20-2.50** The Village Show (59947055) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2357790) **6.00** Home and Away (331806) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (850158) **7.30-8.00** Help (603) **12.35am** FILM: Vampires of Venice (539307) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (811611) **3.15** The ITV Chart Show (9314727) **4.10** Nite Bites (75244727) **4.20** Get Stuffed (75233611) **4.30** Riviera (39311253) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (3618122)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55pm Shortland Street (42481790) **2.20** Travel Trails (59947055) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (7566516) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2357790) **6.00** Home and Away (331806) **6.25-7.00** Central News (850158) **7.30-8.00** Tuesday Special (603) **10.30-10.40** Central News (478245) **11.40** Married With Children (537142) **12.10am** Kojak (4530307) **1.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2574659) **1.35** The Big E (7768253) **2.30** Take 15 (7959389) **2.45** Riviera (1785543) **3.15** The Beat (9314727) **4.10** Jobfinder (7854814) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6534299)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Travel *Trails* (59947055) **6.00** HTV News (239) **6.30-7.00** Problems (719) **7.30-8.00** Country Watch (603) **12.35am** FILM Vampires of Venice (539307) ***2.15*** *The Little Picture Show* (811611) **3.15** The ITV Chart Show (9314727) **4.10** Nite Bites (75244727) **4.20** Get Stuffed (75233611) **4.30** Riviera (39311253) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (3618122)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00pm Wales at Six (239) **6.30-7.00** The Munsters Today (719) **7.30-8.00** Home Ground (603)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 2.20pm Yan Can Cook (59947055) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7566516) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes (505090) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (239) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (719) **7.30-8.00** Great House Cookery (603) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (478245) **11.40-12.30am** The Equalizer (768535) **1.30am-2.25** Stephen King's World of Horror (7769982) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (69633)

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Travel Trails (59947055) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (794993) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (719) **7.30-8.00** Commercial Break (603) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (478245) **11.40** FILM: The Gift of Life (431041) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (6430920) **2.25** Sledge Hammer (6880524) **2.55** 60 Minutes (4597814) ***3.50*** *Stage Two (9515814)* ***4.50-5.30*** Jobfinder (9754663)

ULSTER

As London except: 2.20-2.50 Travel Trails *(59947055)* ***6.00-7.00*** *UTV Live at Six* (74852) **7.30-8.00** Hot Pursuits (603) **11.40** Pro-Box Classics (718582) **12.35am** FILM: *Vampires of Venice* (539307) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (811611) **3.15** The ITV Chart *Show (9314727)* ***4.10*** *Nite Bites (75244727)* **4.20** Get Stuffed (75233611) **4.30** Riviera (39311253) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (3618122)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55pm The Young Doctors (27131326) **2.25** Travel Trails (59946326) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (3475072) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (4729622) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (74852) **7.30-8.00** Men in a Women's World (603) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (478245) **12.30am** *My Story* (2558611) **12.35** FILM: Vampires of Venice (539307) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (811611) **3.15** The ITV Chart Show (493185) **4.10** Nite Bites (75244727) **4.20** Get Stuffed (75233611) **4.30** Riviera (39311253) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (3618122)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News (6418500) **12.20pm-12.30** Calendar News (7316142) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (59947055) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News *(4729622)* ***5.55*** *Calendar (916245)* **6.25** Crimestoppers Update (595697) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (719) **7.30-8.00** Big Business (603) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (478245) **11.40** FILM: The Gift of Life (Susan Dey, Paul *LeMat) (431041)* ***1.25am*** *The Little Picture* Show (6430920) **2.25** Sledge Hammer (6880524) **2.55** 60 Minutes (4597814) **3.50** Stage Two (9515814) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (9754663)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (70697) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (39245) **9.30** Schools (315679) **12.00pm** Profiles of Nature (46581) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (60603) **1.00** The Wonder Years (73784) **1.30** Plant Life (69974) **2.00** The Late Late Show (44784) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey Show (6890887) **3.50** Laurel and Hardy (7144448) **4.00** Slot 23 (3887) **5.00** Happy Days (6516) **5.30** Fifteen to One (968) **6.00** Newyddion (414603) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (594968) **6.25** Heno (778500) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3652) **7.30** Tywysoges Y Mor (0) **8.00** Y Ferch Drws Nesa (2500) **8.30** Newyddion (4535) **9.00** Cutting Edge (7044494) **10.00** The Golden Palace: Rites of Spring (47210) **10.30** Dim Tafod (50158) **11.30** The Almost Complete History of the 20th Century (424239) **11.45** Terry and Julian (280061) **12.15am** Desmond's (34104) **12.45** Four-Manors UK (33475)

RADIO 3

6.55am News
7.00 On Air: *Andrew McGregor* presents Beethoven (Overture, King Stephen); Dyson (Two pieces for cello and piano); Roussel (Serenade, Op 30); Legrenzi (La Pezzoli, Op 4 No 6), Balfour Gardiner (Humoresque); Brahms (Alto Rhapsody)
9.00 **Composers of the Week: The Mannheim School**. The French Connection presesnted by David Wyn Jones. Including Toeschi (Symphony in D); Johann Stamitz *(Clarinet* Concerto in B flat), Holzbauer (Sinfonia Concertante in A)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Leipzig: Five Centuries of Music-Making. Including Bach (Orchestral Suite No 2 in B minor); Kuhnau (Biblical Sonata No 1 — the Fight *between David and Goliath);* Mendelssohn (Psalm 42, Op 42), Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat)
12.00 Music Restored: Music from Purcell's Time. Parley of Instruments under Peter Holman, organ, with Rachel Wheatley, soprano, and Andrew Dale Forbes, bass, performs music by Blow, Locke, Courteville, Purcell, Draghi (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 The BBC Orchestras: *BBC* Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier, with Jon Kimura Parker, piano, performs *Lutoslawski (Mi-Parti);* Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G): Hindemith (Symphonia Serena)
2.25 The Fine Song: Robert Tear's series on English song concentrates today on the solo vocal music of the 17th century, including recordings by Catherine Bott, Susan Longfield, Judith Nelson and Gerald English
3.10 Haydn: Piano Trio in G (H XV 15) (r)
3.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Jean-Philippe Collard, piano, performs Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture: Romeo and Juliet), Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor); Berlioz (Overture: Rob Roy); Kodaly (Suite: Hary Janos)
5.00 In Tune, with Lyn Davies and *soprano Rebecca Evans*
7.30 Pebble Mill 1993/4, live from Studio 1 in Birmingham, Philippa Davies, flute, and Gordon Back, piano, perform *Hue (Fantaisie); Fauré* (Morceau de concours); Prokofiev (Flute Sonata in D, Op 94); Petrassi (Souffle): Martinu (Scherzo — Divertimento No 1); Poulenc (Flute Sonata). In the interval at **8.10** Poulenc in His Own Words
9.10 A Taste for Excellence: Egos *and Economics.* Andrew Green's history of the Royal Philharmonic Society (2 of 4)
9.30 Malcolm Arnold: Clarinet Concerto No 1 *(Michael* Collins; London Musici)
9.50 Monteverdi's Musicians: A recital of Giovanni Legrenzi's secular Venetian cantatas and solo motets (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Christopher Cook discusses architecture, and Indian percussionist Trilok Gurtu performs live (r)
11.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic performs Debussy (Iberia — Images); Fauré (Pavane); Lutoslawski (Concerto for Orchestra)
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland. As broadcast this am on Radio 5)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **7.25, 8.25** Sports **8.40** William Trevor Short Story **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Debbie Thrower: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 Celtic Wanderers: Llanidloes to Machynlleth (**FM** only). Mike Harding and Ray Gravel continue their search for the medieval hero Owain Glyndwr
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW *only)*
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Isaiah, (15/16) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray, incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now with Geoff Watts
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm It's Your Round: Peter White's search for Britain's brightest pub team reaches its climax as two top teams do *battle to decide who will* become the 1993 champions **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers *(r)* **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Mrs Danby's Destiny, by Elizabeth Wainwright. When Susan Danby discovered Dorothea's horoscopes in a magazine, she found them amazingly accurate. Now that her husband and best friend seem to be getting rather intimate, she turns to Dorothea
2.30 Personal Records: *Jeremy* Nicholas visits Lord Harewood and explores his record collection
3.00 News; Taking the Plunge: After 22 years of marriage in Germany, Anna Jurgens's husband left her for another woman. She returned to England without him. Now he wants her back
3.30 Pot Luck – With John Tovey: and Simon Rimmer, Paul Reed and Evelyn Rose
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Vaughan talks to Ken Smith; and Judy Meewezen reports from film schools in Denmark
4.45 Short Story: Waiting to Happen, by Cammie McGovern. Read by Liza Ross (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Crampton Hodnet: Fourth of a six-part adaptation of Barbara Pym's novel. With Elizabeth Spriggs and Stephen Moore *(r)*
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Jolyon Jenkins reports
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Clubbing It: Simon Parkes looks at life at Calcutta's Tollygunge Club
8.45 In Touch, presented by Tony Barringer
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: *To the* Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf. Read by Eileen Atkins (7 of 10)
11.00 Mediumwave: Joanna Coles explores the week's events in the media (r)
11.30 90 Something
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Keep Watching the Skies. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
Richard Hollis's well-researched history of 1950s sci-fi movies is narrated by Joanna Lumley. Her refined tones are not well suited to Hollis's evocation of a sensational world of bug-eyed monsters from outer space and/or the end of civilisation as we know it. Hollis merrily shatters our illusions. He reveals, for instance, that Robbie the lovable robot in *Forbidden Planet* was built of the same material that was used to make luggage. And the cloud-capped mountain peaks in *The Trollenberg Terror*? Just clumps of cotton-wool pinned to a travel photograph. Can you believe it?

Classic FM Evening Concert: *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*
Love them or hate them, theme concerts will continue to feature in Classic FM's output. There's nothing innovative about tonight's recordings. But their common denominator of *jeu d'esprit* makes them welcome in the glum month of November. The zoologically-minded will enjoy Saint-Saëns's *Carnival of the Animals* while Berlioz's *Roman Carnival* and Respighi's *Festivals of Rome* will doubtless boost travel agents' bookings for Italy 1994. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (50834448) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-long (4386784) **9.10** Cartoons (9960516) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (26239) **10.00** Card Sharks (3472806) **10.25** Concentration (8705516) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (8506603) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (19500) **12.00** Urban Peasant (75061) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (20055) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (18210) **2.00** Wheels (64516) **3.00** Another World (8791535) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8693806) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1413) **6.00** Games World (8055) **6.30** Paradise Beach (5535) **7.00** Rescue (2142) **7.30** Growing Pains (1719) **8.00** Anything But Love (4790) **8.30** Designing Women (7697) **9.00** Civil Wars (44603) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (47790) **11.00** The Untouchables (90103) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (83807) **1.00am** Night Court (56456) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (86185)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (68535) **9.30** Nightline (17581) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (86177) **11.30** Japan Business Today *(80581)* ***12.30pm*** *News/Business Report* (60993) **1.30** Morning News (61622) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (95806) **3.30** Nightline (97535) **4.30** News/Business Report (1332) **5.00** Live At Five (206332) **7.30** The Unholy Divide *(24806)* ***8.30*** *Talkback (76897)* ***11.30*** *Evening News* (60061) **12.30** ABC World News *Tonight* (29388) **1.30am** The Unholy Divide (17036) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (95253) **3.30** Talkback (82618) **4.30** The Unholy Divide *(24814)* ***5.30-6.00*** *Evening News* (12368)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (6032852)
10.00 Christopher Columbus: The Discovery (1991): Tom Selleck plays the King of Spain in this big-budget epic. With Marlon Brando, George Corraface, Rachel Ward (24871)
12.00 Under the Yum Yum Tree (1963): Lecherous landlord Jack Lemmon hits on an innocent young couple in New York (190332)
2.30pm Advice to the Lovelorn (1981): An agony aunt has more problems than her clients (92910719)
4.10 Sergeant Ryker (1968): Lee Marvin stars as a soldier court-martialled as a traitor during the Korean War (63219177)
6.00 Christopher Columbus: The Discovery (see 10.00am) (58806)
8.00 Foreign Affairs (1991): Timid professor Joanne Woodward fends off the attentions of boorish Brian Dennehy (53351)
10.00 Kickboxer (1989): Martial arts with Jean-Claude Van Damme (758662)
11.45 Timescape: The Grand Tour *(1991):* Jeff Daniels goes back in time to try to save his daughter's life (500185)
1.25am Overruled (1992): A woman sets out to avenge her daughter's killer (7306833)
2.55 Assault of the Killer Bimbos (1988): A pair of dancers and a waitress are wrongly accused of murder (9448659)
4.15 Advice to the Lovelorn (see 2.30pm) (582272) Ends at **5.50**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Boy from Oklahoma (1954): Will Rogers Jr fights a corrupt sheriff and *moons over Nancy Olsen* (23158)
8.00 The World According to Garp (1982): A spirited version of John Irving's book with Robin Williams and Glenn Close (33912023)
10.20 THX 1138 (1970): Robert Duvall *rebels against an authoritarian state* (1758142). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Swinger *(1966): Repressed* reporter Ann-Margret undoes her top button to attract the attention of porn merchant Tony Franciosa (23516)
8.00 The Count of Monte Cristo (1983): Animated version of Dumas's classic (65581)
9.00 Thumbelina: Animated children's story (81332)
10.00 Scarlet Angel (1952) A dancer takes on a false identity (22413)
12.00 Puss in Boots. Feline hi-jinks (69061)
2.00pm Battle of the Coral Sea (1959). A submarine crew is captured by the Japanese. *With Cliff Robertson* (63784)
4.00 The Count of Monte Cristo (see 8.00am) (22993)
5.00 Thumbelina (see 9.00am) (5121)
6.00 After the Glory (1992). Two US war veterans return home to tackle a corrupt mayor (56449)
8.00 Don't Tell Her It's Me (1990): Shelley Long attempts to teach her shy brother *(Steve Guttenberg) about love* (51993)
10.00 Run (1990): A law student is accused of killing the son of a crime lord (893326)
11.35 Hidden Agenda (1990). A lawyer is shot by the security forces after he uncovers a state conspiracy (127535)
1.25am Scenes from a Mall (1990): Woody Allen and Bette Midler fight over sushi (7304475)
2.55 Signs of Life (1989): The closure of a shipbuilding yard leaves workers worried about their future (4897104). Ends at **4.25**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (5996852) **7.15** Prime Bodies (117516) **7.45** World Sports (116887) ***8.15*** *Soccer News (3890993)* ***8.30*** *Trucks* and Tractor Power (45429) **9.00** Prime Bodies (56581) **9.30** Bowls (35719) **10.30** Ringside (11697) **11.30** Windsurfing (76784) **12.00** FA Cup (14581) **2.00pm** US PGA Golf *(85974)* ***4.00*** *ATP Tennis Finals (6177)* **6.00** Soccer News (407448) **6.15** Netbusters (495603) **6.30** ATP Tennis Finals (7863968) **10.00** Soccer News (255968) **10.15** The Boss (389326) **10.45** Field Hockey (145719) ***11.45*** *Netbusters (785332)* **12.00-4.00am** PGA Grand Slam Of Golf (6011630)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (42806) **8.00** Japanese Tour Golf (18697) **9.00** Triathlon World Cup (38210) **10.00** Car Racing (31790) **11.00** Indoor Supercross (55326) **12.00** Eurogoals (91142) **1.00pm** World Cup Golf (358061) **4.00** American Football (19897) ***5.30*** *Eurogoals (77968)* **6.30** News (4887) **7.00** Eurotennis (43535) **9.00** Boxing (94622) **11.00** Japanese Tour Golf (49719) **12.00-12.30am** News (66123)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (4049055) **7.30** Neighbours (4124790) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7382332) **8.30** EastEnders (7381603) **9.00** *The Bill (7209055)* ***9.30*** When the Boat Comes In (2390887) **10.30** Colditz (5856239) **11.30** Rhoda (9181158) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7392719) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1563516) **1.00** EastEnders (4048326) **1.30** The Bill (1562887) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (8173055) **2.30** Brush Strokes (3570992) **3.00** Dallas (9185974) **4.00** Dynasty (9091581) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8260535) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5475626) **6.00** Neighbours (2120451) **6.30** EastEnders (9176531) **7.00** When the Boat Comes In (9545210) **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (8266719) **8.30** Brush Strokes (8172326) **9.00** Colditz (9647822) **10.00** The Bill (7393448) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (7206968) **11.00** Top of the Pops (3092185) **11.50** Dr Who (7655264) **12.20am** FILM: The Bullfighter and the Lady (1951, b/w): A man accidentally kills the matador instead of the bull (36635017) **1.50** Video Bites (39582611) **2.15-3.30** Shopping (21665104)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (695535) **9.00** Jack in the Box (92968) **11.00** Stories Without Words (15697) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (16326) **12.00** Fame (11974) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (96784) **3.00** The Care Bears (1486516) **3.25** RatKan II (3551245) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (4413) **4.00** Sandokhan (6448) **4.30-5.00** Beakman's World (5332)

NICKELODEON

7.00am *Dawn Patrol (38245)* ***7.30*** *Guts* (42852) **8.00** Get The Picture (64500) **8.30** Wild Side (63871) **9.00** We All Have Tales (50351) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (87993) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (18577) **10.30** David the Gnome (98535) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (73697) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (22581) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (85581) **1.00** David The Gnome (35516) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (84852) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (8988) **2.30** Story Time (2852) **3.00** Kablooey (3603) **3.30** Out of Control (4697) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (9332) **4.30** Hey Dude (5516) **5.00** Clarissa Explains *It All* (5448) ***5.30*** *Get the Picture* (3968) **6.00** Guts (3581) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (7531)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (2326054) **4.30** Waterways (6926018) **5.00** Blood, Sweat and Glory (8174784) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5795516) **6.50** Extra Dimensions (6247719) **7.00** Encyclopedia Galactica (6175413) **7.30** Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers (5576577) **8.00** Spies (8257061) **8.30** Wars in Peace (8170968) **9.00** Wings Over the *World (9645264)* ***10.00*** *Disappearing World* (9648351) **11.00-12.00** Riding the Tiger (4129245)

BRAVO

12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7387887) **12.30pm** *FILM: Deception* (1946, b/w): Moody romance with Bette Davis (16282103) **2.25** FILM: The Uncle (1964): Family drama (9238887) **4.00** The Flying Nun (7275500) **4.30** My Three Sons (1875564) **5.00** *Beverly Hillbillies (8255603)* **5.30** Donny And Marie (8821644) **6.00** The Invisible Man (1071167) **6.30** Torchy, The Battery Boy (7376559) **7.00** Partridge Family (8179239) **8.00** FILM Deception (see 12.30pm) (9550142) **10.00** FILM. Petticoat Pirates (1961): Sexism on the high seas (94568852) 11.25 Film Breaks (7563239) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (6907784)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (1017061) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (2219697) **8.30** Living Daylights (2218968) **9.00** Divorce *Court (2305448)* ***9.30*** *Hot Topics (4538535)* **10.00** Your Baby and Child (2925326) **10.30** Living Extra (2394332) **11.00** Family Affairs (8460784) **11.30** Floyd on Fish (8461413) **12.00** Practical Living (41268603) **12.15pm** *Kilroy (4260608)* ***1.00*** *Crosswits (2496264)* **1.30** Infatuation (4531622) **2.00** Days of our Lives (2926055) **3.00** Agony Hour (8545429) **4.00** Crosswits (5902887) **4.30** Infatuation (5828871) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and *Friends (8499500)* ***8.00*** *Beautywise* (5912264) **6.30** Italian Regional Cookery (5903516) **7.00** Agony Hour (2455603) **8.00** The Young and the Restless **9.00** FILM. Beyond Therapy (1987): Comedy with Tom *Conti and Glenda Jackson (2381210)* **11.00** Divorce Court (8558993) **11.30** Dr Ruth (2914210) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (1908369)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Bay (7448) **5.30** The Wonder Years (3784) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (2087) **6.30** Catchphrase (7177) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (4784) **7.30** All Clued Up (6061) **8.00** Remington Steele (20061) **9.00** Neon Rider (44697) **10.00** WKRP In Cincinnati (62974) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (91622) **11.00** Newhart (53626) **11.30** Mary Tyler Moore (77603) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (72369)

MTV

6.00am Wild Side (897993) **9.00** VJ Marijne (438784) **12.00** Greatest Hits (13332) ***1.00pm*** *On Tour (785535)* **3.30** Report (1844264) **3.45** At The Movies (1849719) **4.00** News (1374158) **4.15** 3 From 1 (1284581) **4.30** Dial MTV (7790) **5.00** The Soul Of MTV (9606) **5.30** Music Non-stop (86806) **7.00** Sports (6142) **7.30** Most Wanted (25158) **9.00** Dick Cavett Meets Abba (46055) **10.00** Report (329142) **10.15** At The Movies (324697) **10.30** News (116413) **10.45** 3 From 1 (111968) **11.00** Hit List UK (65500) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (26814) **2.00-6.00** Videos (4209340)

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TNT

7.00pm Task Force (1949): Gary Cooper battles to get his ideas accepted by uncaring management (13786581)
9.15 God is My Co-Pilot (1945): A boy obsessed with flight grows up to become a *pilot in wartime (67576719)*
10.55 Flight Command (1940, b/w): Action with a navy squadron in San Diego (98251974)
1.10am International Squadron (1941, b/w): Playboy turned flyboy Ronald Reagan swans around in fur-lined boots (43615235)
2.50 Wings of the Navy (1939, b/w): Two pilots engage in a dogfight over a young woman (73186982). Ends at **5.00**

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Cole unlikely to be elevated

Shearer fitness doubt paves way for Wright

FROM ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN BOLOGNA

THE sense of surreal misadventure on England's last World Cup qualifying mission seemed confirmed as the team descended over Bologna last night into a slight mist, and towards a heavy fog about where the nation's football goes beyond Wednesday.

A 40-minute coach ride took the team to the remote town of Pieve di Cento, up into Ferrari country, away from Bologna where they play on Wednesday because, priorities being priorities, the Italians host a leather convention there this week.

As the players sat down to dinner, how could they tell that the man serving their table was not one of the Sammarinese who will try to deny their passage to America? After all, the fellow our strikers must put a minimum of seven goals past, Pier Luigi Benedettini, drives buses for a living.

What is not known, for certain, is who will try to score those goals. Yesterday morning, when Graham Taylor met the press, he virtually confirmed that Alan Shearer had trained, was fit despite his jarred back, and was likely to play.

A couple of hours later, the manager said: "He trained this morning, and though he has certainly improved, Alan wasn't confident. He wouldn't be fit for Wednesday. We had a chat about it, and sent him back to his club because there is a chance of him being fit for their game on Saturday."

So, with the squad now down to 19 players and with Taylor warning us not to "go down the road" of expecting Andrew Cole, the free-scoring Newcastle forward, to be elevated from the under-21 team, it appears that Ian Wright will, after all, be paired in attack with Les Ferdinand.

Of course, Taylor, with an almost constant smile on his face — a smile that is a front — added: "But you never know what might happen in the next 24 to 36 hours."

However, the ill wind may be to England's advantage. No one in his right mind is happy to lose a forward of Shearer's stature, or his hunger. But the strength of the £3.3 million Blackburn centre forward is his running, his wearing down of opponents, his ability to strike when they grow weary.

Wright is more of a predator, an instinctive finisher, who, if Ferdinand can tower in the air as he has on several England occasions, could yet prove the right partner.

An alternative would be to promote David Platt from midfield to attack, from which position he scored four times when England beat San Marino 6-0 at Wembley.

This, indeed, would have the benefit of ensuring that England's midfielders, eager



Shearer: jarred back

as they are bound to be, do not clutter and overcrowd an already massed San Marino penalty area.

But, unless Cole is indeed switched from the under-21 match in Rimini on the same night, the England bench will contain no natural goalscorer in the event that either Wright or the injury-prone Ferdinand do not go the full 90 minutes.

One other omen worth clinging to is that while Wright, such a prolific league scorer, has netted just once in 15 England appearances, Malcolm Macdonald had similarly scored only once from 12 games before erupting to net five goals, most of them headers, against Cyprus at Wembley in 1975.

There has been a tendency almost to presume that San Marino, amateurs almost to a man, will not score against England. John Motson, the diligent BBC commentator, is taking nothing for granted.

"I've worked out that if England win 7-1 and Poland beat the Dutch 1-0, we will be dead level on points and goals in the group," observes Motson.

Doing his homework as ever, Motson added that the Fifa rulebook has anticipated such equality, and that Holland, not England, would in that case qualify. Rotterdam, and more particularly Wembley, will still condemn us, for having lost and drawn those matches.

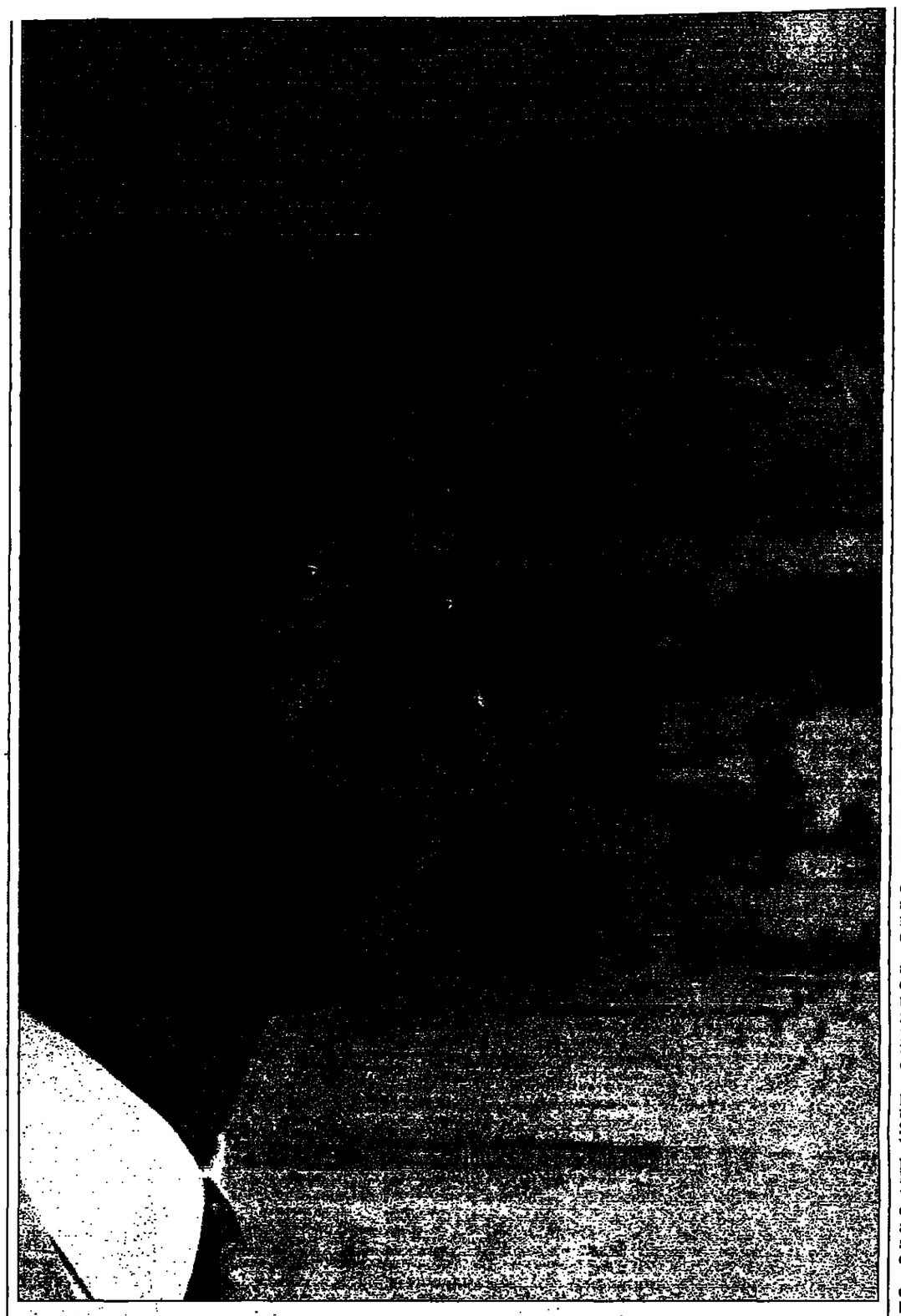
Although not confirmed by the manager, I expect England's revised line-up to be (4-2-4): D Seaman — L Dixon, D Walker, G Pallister, S Pearce — P Ince, D Platt — S Ripley, L Ferdinand, I Wright, L Sharpe (or P Merson).

However, with two training sessions to go and with the attitude of positive thinking almost an instruction to the England squad, there are no certainties ahead. And in a land where leather is more prized than visiting footballers, the wise man would not bet a penny on the England selection, never mind the scoreline.

☐ Tottenham's promising full back, Sol Campbell, was today called into the England under-21 squad for tomorrow's Uefa Championship game in San Marino. The uncapped 19-year-old is joined by Mike Sheron, of Manchester City.

Already without Gary Flitcroft, the under-21 side, who cannot qualify for the final stages, have been further weakened by the withdrawals of Andy Awford, of Portsmouth, and Jamie Redknapp, of Liverpool.Lee Clark, of Newcastle, already doubtful with injury, became the fourth victim when he pulled out with tonsillitis.

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Bob Beamon, above, is an icon in the history of athletics. The American's world long-jump record, set at the 1968 Summer Olympic Games in the rarefied atmosphere of Mexico City, lasted for 23 years and the photograph of him achieving the feat, taken by Tony Duffy, has been used repeatedly in books, newspapers and magazines throughout the world (John Goodbody writes). Yesterday, Beamon was in London to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Allsport, the leading international sports picture agency, which was founded by Duffy just after those Games. When Beamon began his run-up, the world record was 27ft 4¾in. After he had landed it was 29ft 2½in. When the distance of 8.90 metres was announced, spectators believed a mistake had been made. Lynn Davies, of Britain, the Olympic champion, was so disheartened that he scarcely had a worthwhile attempt. The record lasted until 1991, when another American competitor, Mike Powell, cleared 8.95 metres. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Mexico's leading runners maintain boycott

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN NEW YORK

ANDRES Espinosa, the winner of the New York City Marathon on Sunday, is banned from training on the best tracks in Mexico, his home country. Espinosa, like all the leading Mexican marathon men is in dispute with his federation and the long-running controversy between the long-distance runners and their national governing body could prove embarrassing for the authorities if, as expected, the 1997 world championships are awarded to Mexico City.

After his victory, Espinosa said that he would continue to boycott international championships until the Mexican federation supported its marathon runners with money and dropped its insistence on taking a percentage of winnings from races. Because of the dispute, there were no Mexicans in the marathon at the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) world championships in Stuttgart in August and no Mexican team in the IAAF World Cup marathon in San Sebastian last month.

"I will not run in the world championships, even if they are in Mexico City, unless the federation gives us 100 per cent support," Espinosa said.

Given that Mexico's only athletes of world class are its distance runners and walkers, the national federation would need to concede ground to promote public interest should the world championships be confirmed for Mexico City.

Road racing in Mexico is popular with spectators, and the likes of Espinosa and Salvador Garcia, the 1991 New York champion, command a press which is the equal of leading footballers. Espinosa's victory was so greatly regarded back home that it brought an immediate person-to-person phone call from the president, Carlos Salinas.

One athlete who will eschew commercial marathons until his next championship is Paul Evans, the first Briton here in seventh place. Like Richard Nerurkar, the World Cup champion, he will bypass London next spring to concentrate on preparing for either the European championships or the Commonwealth Games.

Tennis invited to journey forward on dream ticket



FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN FRANKFURT

THE ball was put firmly into the court of the Association of Tennis Professionals yesterday. If the ruling body dares to accept the suggestions of Luke Jensen, the men's tour will feature rock 'n' roll music, laser beams and smoke enveloping players wearing cameras in helmets and clothing suitable for car mechanics to boost falling attendances.

Jensen, a fraternal half of the French Open doubles champions, was speaking here at a forum titled *The Fan's Experience*. A more appropriate label for discussions lasting over four hours would have been The American Marketing Man's Dream.

Jensen, therefore, provided a refreshing alternative, even though many will think his views to be laughable or even frightening. He proposes that the world should embrace many of the gimmicks that were employed to decorate team tennis in his American homeland. They proved a substantial failure.

Undeterred, the self-confessed promoter of rock 'n' roll tennis is convinced that youngsters will be attracted to the game only if it is propelled into the future.

Here is what he would like to see. A band would strike up as the players walked on court. Special effects would be used to enhance the dramatic entrance and public announcers would describe the personalities.

Music would blare from the public address system between serves and players would be encouraged to converse with umpires. "People are interested in confrontation," he claimed. Indeed, he would not allow the official to switch off his microphone. "In doing that, you turn off the crowd."

Jensen would permit coaches not only to be present at the side of the court, as is the case in the Davis Cup, but also to offer live comments to the television audience. Players, too, could reveal their insights.

"Tennis is not a quiet game, it is a violent game. We go out there to try and hit our opponents. Others say sorry when they do. We don't. People don't want to be bored."

His dream of a match would close with "the band kicking in again" and the players signing autographs while fielding questions. To complete the theatrical presentation, he proposes a new dress code. Anything would go.

Ion Tiriac, the Romanian master of ceremonies, was momentarily stunned: "I'm speechless," he said. "Imagine the Queen coming in at Wimbledon, the drums start rolling and the guitars start twanging . . ."

Yet there is a serious side to Jensen's frivolity. The television ratings are falling even in Germany, which is responsible for 80 per cent of the revenue generated by the media worldwide. In spite of Pete Sampras winning this year's US Open title, the American audience fell by an alarming 20 per cent.

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"I don't mind listening to my best friends' problems. Provided they pour me a decent hearing aid."

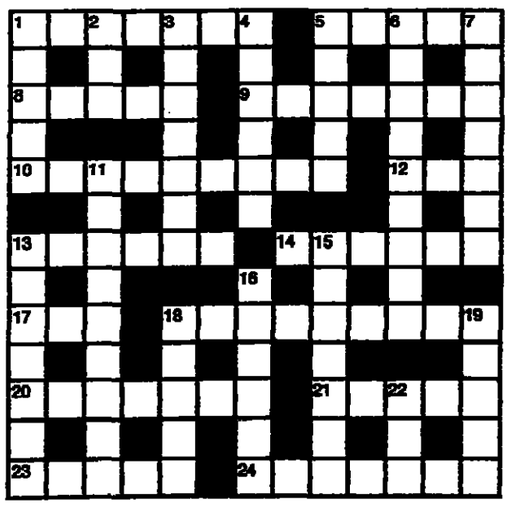
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13 Wonderful (6)
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13 Point of transmission between neurons (7)
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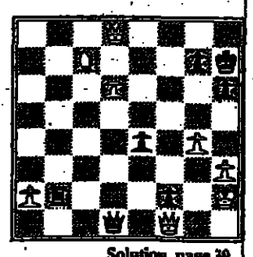
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CHESS

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, game 14. Despite having two queens, White seems to be in terrible trouble as 1 Qxd1 is met by 1 ... f1/Q+ winning. How can he save the day?



The official book of The Times World Chess Championship (Kasparov v Short 1993, Batsford) can be ordered for £7.99 (including post and packing) from The Times Raymond Keene Offer, PO Box 11, Tadcaster, N Yorkshire LS24 9XA.

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WORDS

By Philip Howard

LAPACTIC
a. A dialect of Aleut
b. Densely packed
c. A laxative

MURCID
a. Lazy
b. Murky and turbid
c. Pertaining to house-flies

FRISCAJOLY
a. An unbroken horse
b. A refrain in songs
c. A drunkard

GAMP
a. A paper-drying press
b. A disreputable nurse
c. A surgical clamp

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